

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Led by the Holy Spirit, LaGrave's members seek to worship and serve God in all of life, transforming His world and being transformed to reflect the character of Christ.

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below, noting that we use *two* different red hymnals. The *Worship & Rejoice* hymnal will be indicated by bold, italic type. An asterisk (*) denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

MORNING WORSHIP 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Alfred V. Fedak

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Johanne Sebastian Bach

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Matthew H. Corl

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Hosanna”

Christian Gregor

*Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!*

Luke 19:38

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 146

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*The Greeting

*The People's Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: 1 John 1:8-9

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. Amen.

A time of silent confession concluded with singing:

**Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do; no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.**

LUYH 624:2

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 2:1-2

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 148:1,3,4,6

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*The Confession of Faith

Q. Why is he called God's “only begotten Son” when we also are God's children?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.

Q. Why do you call him “our Lord”?

**A. Because—
not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—
he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 33&34

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Reading: Matthew 21:14-16

The Children's Processional: Lift Up Your Hearts 145:1,2
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Children's Moment

The Children's Recessional: Lift Up Your Hearts 145:3
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus, the King” (8:40)

Lloyd Larson

Now to the Lord, the noble King, with all our hearts and voices sing, “all praise to his eternal name.” Let songs in boundless joy proclaim:

Refrain:

That Jesus is King! Hosanna to the King of all glory. Hosanna to the King of kings. Hosanna to the King of the ages. Hosanna to Jesus the King!

In Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, our hearts in gratitude recall the joy of finding Christ, the King. With voices strong we thankfully sing: (Refrain)

Words: Lloyd Larson

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“Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates” (11:00)

John Amner

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors.
And the King of Glory shall come in.*

Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Psalms 24:7, 8a, 10b

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

The Sermon: **“WHO IS THIS?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 934
“God of Mercy, God of Grace”

*The Benediction

*The People's Response: **Amen**

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. John Steigenga – minister emeritus

Rev. Mike Hoozeboom – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

Vocal Octet, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoot, Jennifer Schroder – soprano

Jess Hollenbach, Renee Vande Wege – alto

Jim Elzinga, Zach Kruyf – tenor

Karel de Waal Malefyt, Peter Redder – bass

Chad Boorsma and Rev. John Steigenga – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Natalie Molenbeek and Rev. John Steigenga – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

Christian Gregor (b. 1723 in Silesia; d. 1801 in Saxony) was a gifted organist, teacher, composer, and editor of the new Moravian hymnbook. One of his best-known anthems is an antiphonal *Hosanna*, the text shouted by the crowds upon Christ’s entry into Jerusalem. Mimicking the crowd shouting in all directions, the choir and octet this morning sing this introit of praise antiphonally from the front of the sanctuary and the balcony.

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of **Alyce and Gerrit Lantinga**. Alyce enriched congregational worship as LaGrave’s organist for 42 years and Gerrit, a lover of music, encouraged and embraced Alyce’s belief that Soli Deo Gloria was the heart of church music. **Ray and Beth Lantinga, Herb and Sharon Lantinga**.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise of Grand Rapids**. Family Promise partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

This evening, Reverend Mike Hoozeboom will be leading worship. His sermon is entitled “Shine Like Stars” and he will be using the scripture Philippians 3:12-18.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live