

May 22, 2022

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. Our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. 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:

“Theme and Variations on Coronation (All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name)”

Claude Bos

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (11:00)

Martha Lynn Thompson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: (8:40)

“Come, Worship God”

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God's presence with thanks and a song! You are the rock of your people's salvation, to whom our jubilant praises belong.

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The Introit: (11:00)

“Gloria in Excelsis”

Dan R. Edwards

Gloria in excelsis, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus.

Translation:

(Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all the earth.)

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 551:1,2,4,5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

v. 2 women; all on “alleluia” and “O praise him”

v. 3 men; all on “alleluia” and “O praise him”

*The Greeting—concluded by the minister saying

“Christ is risen!”

*The People's Response: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Exodus 19:5-6, 20:1-7

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you tell us to have no other gods before you.

For from you, through you, and to you are all created things, made for your glory!

You tell us not to make idols for ourselves.

For only in Jesus Christ do we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Jesus, you are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

You tell us not to misuse your name, LORD, for you do not hold us guiltless when we misuse your name.

Instead, we offer our lives and words to testify to you with praise and in truth, seeking to confess and bless your name.

You command us to remember the Sabbath day, setting it apart as a day of rest in your presence.

Let your Word, O Christ, inhabit us as we teach and admonish each other with wisdom; and as we sing with gratitude in our hearts to you.

You instruct us to honor our parents, both fathers and mothers, so that we may thrive in the lives you have planned for us.

We want to please you, Heavenly Father, honoring the authorities you place in our lives as an expression of honor for you.

You forbid murder.

Instead, help us to protect life, to seek our neighbor's flourishing, to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ you forgave us.

You forbid adultery.

We know we do not belong to ourselves alone; we were bought with a price. So help us honor you with our hearts, minds, and bodies.

You forbid stealing.

We turn away from taking what is not ours toward honest work, doing something useful with our hands, so that we can share with others.

You forbid giving false testimony against our neighbors.

Instead, help us to speak with truth and love so that in all things we grow up into you, our Head, Lord Jesus.

You forbid coveting anything that belongs to our neighbor.

Empty us of covetousness and fill us with contentment—the satisfying abundance of having you in our lives, Spirit of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 10:9-10

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 274

“O God, Who Gives to Humankind”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (8:40) arr. Peter Niedmann
I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; that formed creation with a word, and then pronounced it good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, wherever I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant of flower below, but makes your glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne; While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that I may be, O God, you are present there.

“When the Morning Stars Together” (11:00) K. Lee Scott
When the morning stars together their Creator's glory sang, and the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang, then why wisdom and thy greatness their exultant music told, all the beauty and the splendor which thy mighty works unfold.

When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists' songs, offering thee adoration which alone to thee belongs, when the singers and the cymbals with the trumpet made accord, glory filled the house of worship, and all knew thy presence, Lord.

Voice and instrument in union through the ages spoke thy praise, plainsong, tuneful hymns and anthems told thy faithful gracious ways. Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought, while, inspired by thine own Spirit, poet and composer wrought.

Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our heart, teach our minds and train our senses, fit us for this sacred art. Then with skill and consecration we would serve thee, Lord, and give all our powers to glorify thee, and in serving fully live!

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The Offertory: We Sing the Mighty Power of God

Charles Ore, Alfred Fedak

The Offering

*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.**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Isaiah 2:2-3, 42:5-7, 45:22-24a, 55:3-5,
56:3-5

The Sermon: **“THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 601
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Pomp and Circumstance March” Edward Elgar
(dedicated to all 2022 LaGrave graduates)

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

Bells Gloria, Trish Brummel – director (11:00)

Upper Elementary, Middle School, and High School Choirs,

Renee Vande Wege – director (11:00)

Jess Hollenbach – pianist

Chancel Choir ensemble (combined choir anthem)

Ellie and Maggie Scholma – handbells

Aaron Good – trumpet, Amber Schaap – claves

Christine Hoekzema and Rev. Peter Jonker – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

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The liturgical season of Easter is the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost. The white, gold, and crystals used in the paraments and banners reflect the glory of the resurrection. Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death! Alleluia!

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Voices of children, youth, and adults, trumpet, percussion, handbells and organ combine to celebrate the gift of music using Albert Bayly’s text based on Job 38:7 and I Chronicles 5:13-14 set to music by K. Lee Scott. Bayly’s text speaks of the music of creation, music in Old Testament synagogue and temple, music through the church of all ages, and music used to glorify, praise, and serve God. The stately, march-like hymn tune on which this anthem is based is heard in unison, in canon (round), in four-part harmony, and finally with a descant.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by **Marilyn De Jong, and Skip and Mary Vanden Berg** in loving memory of daughter and sister, **Judith De Jong-Clousing.**

The May Special Offering is for **Safe Haven Ministries.** **Safe Haven Ministries** is a Christ centered ministry, helping prevent and end relationship abuse.

This evening, seminarian Chad Boorsma will be leading us in worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live