

May 29, 2022

Ascension Day

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:

“Partita on *Rejoice, the Lord is King*”

Charles Callahan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit: (8:40)

“See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”

See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph; see the King in royal state riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heavenly palace gate. Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing, and the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King.

Thou hast raised our human nature on the clouds to God's right hand; there we sit in heavenly places, there with thee in glory stand: Jesus reigns, adored by angels, man with God is on the throne! Mighty Lord, in thine ascension we by faith behold our own.

The Introit: (11:00)

“Nations, Clap Your Hands”

Nations, clap your hands; shout with joy, you lands! Awesome is the Lord; spread his fame abroad. He rules every land with a mighty hand. God brings nations low; he subdues each foe. From his mighty throne God protects his own. Our inheritance is our sure defense.

God goes up on high with a joyful cry, with a mighty shout; people, sing it out! Let your voices bring praises to our King. Praise him with a song; praise with heart and tongue; praise with every skill; praise with mind and will. God rules all the earth; magnify his worth.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 21

“This Is My Father's World”

*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: Hebrews 10:32-36, 39

The Prayer of Confession:

prayer begins with a time of silence, concluded by the liturgist saying,

Let us, together, pray...

Almighty God, the world in which we live is still affected and infected by sin. We know we have been set free from sin's power, but we are still waiting to be set free from sin's presence. We confess that perseverance is hard some days, we feel frustrated and overwhelmed. We barely hold onto hope. Grant us strength to endure when our confidence is shaken and hope is hard to come by. Unite our hearts and minds to our ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Revelation 1:18

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 224

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“There Is a Higher Throne” (8:40)

arr. Lloyd Larson

There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb. Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes. Hear heaven's voices sing!

Their thunderous anthem rings through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honor are to God, our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home; our life before the throne. We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with him. Hear heaven's voices sing!

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“God Is Gone Up” (11:00)

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with sound of the trumpet. For God is the King of all the earth, O sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.

Psalm 47:5,7

The Offertory: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Herman Schroeder, Robert J. Powell

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: Hebrews 2:5-15

The Sermon: “**YET AT PRESENT...**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 219:1,2,4,5

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Christopher Tambling, Donald Rotermund

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jim Elzinga & Ben VanHouten – vocalists (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Chad Boorsma 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)

Psalm 47 is often associated with Ascension Day; verses 5-7 of that Psalm have been set to music by many composers. William Croft (1678-1727) was organist at London’s Westminster Abbey and composed hymns and choral anthems. *God Is Gone Up* is known as a “Verse-Anthem,” a piece with similar music in the outer sections and contrasting material in the middle section. This morning, the choir sings just the outer sections which joyfully exclaim the glory of the ascended King.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Jan Heerspink**, in loving remembrance of the life of **John Heerspink**, who died ten years ago on June 3, 2012.

The May Special Offering is for **Safe Haven Ministries**. **Safe Haven Ministries** is a Christ centered ministry, helping prevent and end relationship abuse. Residential and non-residential services are available to individuals and families who have experienced or who are experiencing domestic abuse, human trafficking, and exploitation.

There is no evening service.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live