

June 12, 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. 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 10:00 AM

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

David Schelat

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer, arr. Douglas Wagner

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Give You a New Commandment”

arr. Richard Proulx

Alleluia. I give you a new commandment, a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 317:1,2,5

“God, Who Created Hearts to Love”

*The Greeting

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Luke 10:25-37

The Prayer of Confession:

Father, we come to you confessing our lack of love.

For the times we have not loved you with all our heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves . . .

Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have ignored the needs around us as we passed by the suffering, the weak, and the helpless . . .

Lord, show us your mercy.

For the times we have chosen to remain uninvolved and have failed to live out our faith in you . . .

Lord, pour out your mercy upon us.

Set us free, Father, to love you first and then to serve as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

In his name we pray, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 4:9-11

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 676

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

*The Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty. From there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Hymn of Response:

**Come, then living church of Jesus, covenant with him
anew. Unto him who conquered for us may we pledge our
service true. May our lives reflect the brightness of God’s
love in Jesus shown. To the world we then bear witness:
we belong to God alone.**

From *Christian Hearts in Love United*, vs. 3
Tune: Ode to Joy

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Greatest Gift Is Love”

Mark Hayes, ed. by Craig Courtney

Though I speak with tongues of angels, though my voice is touched with gold, without love each word is discord, clanging brass and cymbals bold. Though I know as much as prophets, though my faith is strong and sure, without love these are as nothing, neither words nor work endure.

Though I give my goods to others, and my flesh I give to burn, without love each gift is worthless, till the gift of love I learn. Love is always kind and patient, neither jealous, boastful, rude; neither selfish nor conceited, but with every grace imbued.

Love releases all resentment, takes no pleasure in the wrong; love finds truth delightful always and endures what comes along. Though not easily offended, love is eager to forgive, always trusting, always hoping, precious love will always live!

In a world that is imperfect, many gifts will pass away; faith and hope and love are endless; these, and these alone will stay. To a world where all is changing comes the promise from above: faith and hope will last forever, but the greatest gift is love.

Words: Beth Rice Luttrell, Based on I Corinthians 13..
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The Children’s Message

The Offertory: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

John Zundel, arr. Barbara Kinyon

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: Romans 12:9-21

The Sermon: “**LOVE MUST BE SINCERE**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Tocatta on *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”
J. Christopher Pardini

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Rene Baatenburg, Trish Brummel, Julia Hoekstra, Jane Krol, Carmen Kruyf,
Della Landheer, Marilou Reiffer, Adrienne Rynders, Marcia Smits – handbells

Carlos Lemagne – vocalist

Peter Jouwstra and Albert Doorn – Cross and Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. This season for spiritual growth is represented in the liturgical colors of blue and green. The banners and parament reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly rooted in the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God’s word. By doing so, we find life, experience deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

Carlos Lemagne, originally from Jaguey Grande, Cuba, graduated from Calvin University with degrees in Business-Marketing and Music, and is currently Program Coordinator and Administrative Assistant at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

Music at LaGrave

This morning’s anthem is a contemporary paraphrase by author Beth Rice Luttrell of I Corinthians 13, the “love” chapter. These poignant words are accentuated through the music of popular pianist, composer, and arranger Mark Hayes. Though written over thirty years ago, the message of this piece is timely: “In a world that is imperfect . . . to a world where all is changing comes this promise from above: faith and hope will last forever, but the greatest gift is love.”

Today’s chancel flowers are given in loving memory of **Ralph Ondersma** – our dear husband, father, and grandfather. **The Ondersma Family**

The special offering for June is for the Pine Rest Assistance Fund. The PAF is available to individuals and families in our community who come to Pine Rest for care but have limited resources to pay for treatment. The number of people we can help each year depends on the generosity of our donors.

This evening, Rev. Peter Jonker will lead us in worship. His sermon is entitled “The Quality of Mercy” and the scripture he will use is 1 Timothy 1:3-17.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live