

June 26, 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:

“O Worship the King”

arr. H.E. Singley

“Still, Still with Thee” (Consolation)

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. H.E. Singley

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 559

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

God Commissions His Servants

Litany Based on I Thessalonians 5:16-18, 23-24

Leader: Rejoice always . . .

Congregation: . . . pray continually . . .

SERVE Team: . . . give thanks in all circumstances . . .

All: . . . for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Leader: Holy God, as this team goes out into our community this week, we ask you to go with them.

Congregation: When they are excited, go with them. When they are afraid, go with them. When they are confident, go with them. When they are unsure, go with them.

SERVE: Equip us for the week ahead. Give us hands to do your work, mouths to speak your truth, and hearts open to your Spirit's work within and among us.

Congregation: Empower them to be ambassadors for your kingdom; to be light in dark places and salt in a spoiling world.

Leader: Jesus, call them to serve you with their whole heart, mind, soul and strength.

Congregation: Give them courage to testify about who you are, Jesus, and to bring your good news to people who long to hear it.

SERVE: Watch over us and keep us safe. We want all that we do this week to bring glory to you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, stir up gratitude in them this week.

Congregation: Help them as they learn how to truly give thanks in all circumstances. Use the scripture they study and the speaker they hear to deepen and strengthen their faith.

SERVE: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Help us to pay attention to what you are up to. Open our eyes to see you at work! Cultivate in us habits of service and gratitude that stay with us long after this week is over.

Leader: “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.” (I Thessalonians 5:23-24)

ALL: AMEN!

*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 693

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthems of Praise:

“Cornerstone”

Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Refrain: Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

He is Lord, Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found. Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless, stand before the throne.

(Refrain)

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“Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he; sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Refrain: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come; With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings; you are my everything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King. (Refrain)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of your name; Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such marvelous mystery. (Refrain)

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The Children's Message

The Offertory: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Joel Raney

“Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow”

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 (see insert)

The Sermon: **“BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770
“In Christ Alone”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

Toccatta on “In Christ Alone”

Larry Visser

In Christ alone, my hope is found”

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Julia Fletcher – duo pianist

SERVE Choir, Adam Sterenberg – leader

Perry DeKryger and Dee DeKryger – 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 by 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.

Music at LaGrave

The SERVE choir shares two songs deeply rooted in Scripture: *Cornerstone*, a song originating in Australia’s Hillsong music group, is a remake of the 19th-century hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*, the words of which remind us that through storms and darkness, Christ is our solid Rock and Lord of all. *Revelation Song*, a song of adoration to the all-powerful, reigning King, echoes the

glorious vision of heaven found in Rev. 4 and proclaims the holiness and worthiness of the Lamb on the throne.

Today’s chancel flowers are given in memory of **Allan (Al) Arnoys** whose birthday would have been June 25, with love from his wife **Joanne**.

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.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live