

**July 17, 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:

“Elegy (Children of the Heavenly Father)” James Biery  
“He Shall Feed His Flock / My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Shirley Brendlinger

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God of Grace” Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea  
*God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free, oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul, his own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.*

*God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see your face, and forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Approach God with Penitence***

The Call to Repentance: Isaiah 30:18

The Prayer of Confession:

**Turn our hearts toward you, gracious God. Remove our guilt and our shame, and make us shine like stars in the universe as we hold out the word of life. For the sake of Jesus, our Savior, amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:8-9

The Hymn of Commitment: Worship & Rejoice 406:1-3  
“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

***We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises***

The Explanation of Baptism

The Sung Promises of Baptism

“Jesus Loves Me”

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me—he who died heaven's gates to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain)*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying “Let them come to me.” (Refrain)*

The Vows

The Baptism:

**Rigsby Fox Carson**, son of Katie and Seth Carson  
Prayer Partner: Jane Kerkstra

**Arie Frederick Kruyf**, son of Zachary and Carmen Kruyf  
Prayer Partner: Perrin and Alanna Rynders

The Baptismal Blessing

The Baptismal Anthem

“Alleluia, Lullaby”

J. Bert Carlson

*Sing alleluia, lullaby, lullay, lullay, lullaby. Praise our God for these children, now and always, sing alleluia, lullaby. A child is a gift from the Lord, a sign of God's love for us; we must care for and guide, always love and provide, for these children are gifts from the Lord. A child is a sign of great love, God's children share with each other; God showers his love on us from above through these children, a sign of great love. Sing alleluia, lullaby, lullay, lullay, lullaby. Praise our God for these children both now and always, sing alleluia, lullaby. Sing alleluia, lullaby.*

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***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory: Jesus Loves Me

arr. Joshua Evanovich

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: John 1:1-18

The Sermon: **“IT'S ALL GRACE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 691  
“Amazing Grace”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata on *Amazing Grace*”

J. Christopher Pardini

Rev. David Bast – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ashley Grace Stephenson – violinist

Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

Cassie, Carlee and Chloe Greendyk – vocalists

Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Christine Hoekzema – Cross and Bible Bearers

We welcome the **Rev. David Bast** to our pulpit this morning! David is a minister in the Reformed Church in America. He served as long-term President and Broadcast Minister of Words of Hope, a media ministry affiliated with the RCA, until 2017. He has also served as an interim minister at LaGrave.

**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**

When once asked to summarize the essential truths of the Christian faith, theologian Karl Barth stated, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” Written in 1859, this hymn was penned by Anna Warner and was included in a novel co-written with her sister, Susan. The text was a poem of comfort spoken to a dying child. This morning, we hear the hymn sung by three children who are nieces of Carmen Kruyf, and played by instrumentalists during the offering.

**The special offering for the month of July is for Westminster Food Pantry.** The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

This evening, seminarian **Lorinda VanderWerp** will be leading us in worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)