

**July 3, 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:

“Gravement, from *Pièce d’Orgue*”  
“Variations on *Come, Labor On*”

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Gerre Hancock

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise to You and Adoration”

*Praise to you and adoration, blessed Jesus, Son of God, who, to serve your own creation, came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I never may from your fold or pastures stray, but with zeal and joy exceeding follow where your steps are leading.*

*Hold me ever in your keeping; comfort me in pain and strife. In my laughter and my weeping be with me throughout my life. Give me greater love for you, and my faith and hope renew in your birth, your life, and passion, in your death and resurrection.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 582  
“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Approach God with Penitence***

The Call to Repentance: Matthew 25:1-13

The Prayer of Confession:

**Oh God, we set out to watch and wait for you eagerly. But the troubles of this life, human frailty and our own sin leave their mark on us. Our spirits want to serve you with abandon and energy; yet our wounded minds, bodies, and hearts dim our vision and make us unprepared for hope. Be the lifter of our heads and the restorer of our hearts. Be perfectly at home in and among us, that the light of your joy may be complete in us. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Colossians 1:9-12

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 618:1-3,5  
“Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart”

\*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.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 727:3  
Tune: Ode to Joy

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Lloyd Larson

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

*While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul! My faith looks up to thee.*

The Children's Message

The Offertory: Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart

Robert Elmore

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: “**NEVER BE LACKING IN ZEAL**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 590***  
“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“Rise, O Children of Salvation” David Cherwien, B. Wayne Bisbee

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist  
Becky Rhoda – vocalist  
Dee DeKryger and Perry 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**

Interestingly, the word “zeal” appears only once in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* hymnal in the 19th century hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (“My zeal inspire,” v. 2). Twenty-two-year old Ray Palmer desperately wanted to go into pastoral ministry, but was stuck teaching at a girls’ school in New York City. Depressed, lonely, and ill, he stumbled upon a German poem about a sinner kneeling before the cross, which he translated and added four stanzas. Palmer is best remembered for this hymn text. His zeal was inspired!

**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.

**There is no evening service.**

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