

July 31, 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:

“Largo, from *Concerto in D Minor*”
“Allegro, from *Concerto in D Minor*”

Johann Sebastian Bach
Antonio Vivaldi

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“To Be Your Presence”

To be your presence is our mission here, to show Compassion's face and listening ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice; to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the Church, rejoice, alleluia!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246

“God Is Here”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Repentance: Matthew 25:31-46

The Prayer of Confession:

Begun by singing:

**Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call.
Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all.
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.** LUYH 655:1

Father of grace and mercy, we cry to you, for when we consider the depth of our sin, we are driven to dark despair.

Lord, hear our voice as we call.

Father, you teach us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to follow your teaching.

Lord, let your ears be attentive to our cry.

Father, you call us to show hospitality to others, yet we have often turned a blind eye to the needs around us and have instead focused on our own needs and desires.

Lord, listen to our prayer for mercy.

Father, empower us to live a life of service, humility, and obedience to you. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and our Redeemer, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 130:7-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 869:1,3

“Here I Am, Lord”

*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

Prayer will include this response from Psalm 86:10

Leader: You are great and do marvelous deeds;

People: You alone are God.

The Anthem:

“Give to My Eyes, Lord”

Ronald Corp

*Give to my eyes, Lord, the blessing of seeing your face in all around me,
the light of your glorious grace. Help me to see the needs of your people
and be ready to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.*

*Give to my hands, Lord, the blessing of doing your will, bringing your
touch where it's needed to soothe every ill. Help me to heal the pain of
your people and be ready to serve, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.*

*Give to my feet, Lord, the blessing of walking your way, going wherever
you lead me throughout the whole day. Show me the paths that lead where
your people need me, mine your own footsteps, wherever your Spirit leads
me.*

*Give to my mouth, Lord, the courage to speak of your cross, boldly
proclaiming your death was a gain, not a loss. That through your blood,
true justice and mercy may be building your kingdom, wherever your
Spirit leads me.*

*Give to my heart, Lord, the grace to rejoice in your love, showing
forgiveness and mercy and grace from above. That by your word I'll share
in the joys you give free, help me to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads
me.*

*Jesus, Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to you, and by my service I'll
show that I'm faithful and true. Help me to live and praise you; please
Lord, set me free, that you may use me, wherever your Spirit needs me.*

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The Children's Moment

The Offertory: Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

arr. Catherine McMichael

May we not look for love's return but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

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: **“SHARE WITH THE LORD'S PEOPLE
WHO ARE IN NEED”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 928:1,3,4

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Trumpet Tune”

David N. Johnson

Marlene Padding and Merv Kamper— Cross and Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a season of spiritual growth. The banners and parament for this season reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God's Word.

Violinist **Julie Bowden**, a regular LaGrave attender and member of the Calvin Community Symphony, joins fellow violinist and LaGrave member Elise Greidanus, who recently moved back to Grand Rapids following graduate school and a teaching position in Oklahoma. Tenor **Aaron Polet** is currently instructor of choral activities at Spring Lake Public High School and president of the Calvin Alumni Choir. We warmly welcome these musicians who share their gifts this morning in worship.

Music at LaGrave

Both the introit and anthem texts echo the ancient prayer of St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582): “Yours are the hands through which Christ blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” While the introit text is sung to a familiar hymn tune, the anthem is an original melody by British composer and Anglican priest Ronald Corp, heard in various keys in each verse.

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, **Rev. Galen Meyer** will be leading us in worship. His sermon is entitled “The Life-Giving River” and he will be using the scripture Psalm 46.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Julie Bowden and Elise Greidanus – violinists
Aaron Polet – vocalist