

August 21, 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:

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels”

Not for tongues of heaven's angels, nor for wisdom to discern, not for faith that masters mountains, for this better gift we yearn: may love be ours, O Lord.

In the day this world is fading faith and hope will play their part; but when Christ is seen in glory love shall reign in every heart: may love be ours, O Lord.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531

“God, You Call us to This Place”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Remember God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Call to Faithfulness: Romans 6:3-7, 11-13

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving Father. We confess that we do not always live the new life you have given us. Forgive us when we live for ourselves instead of offering ourselves to you. Free us from sin that allures us. Fill us with your Spirit and remind us that we that we are no longer slaves to sin. Use us as instruments of righteousness. We pray boldly in the name of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:9,11

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 802:1-2

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” *alternate text*

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number us among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave us garments bright and sparkling; compass us with love and light.

We who gather long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Explanation of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptisms:

Everett Lane DenBoer, son of Lane and Anna DenBoer
Prayer Partner: Steve and Jennifer Schroder

Anna Grace Guinn, daughter of
Anthony and Stephanie Guinn
Prayer Partner: Heather Scholma

Ava Jane Miedema, daughter of
Matt and Megan Miedema
Prayer Partner: Sheryll Poel

The Baptismal Blessing

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Explanation of Profession of Faith

The Professions of Faith:

**Olivia Ackerman, Lily Batts, Carmen Day,
Leah Elliot, Ellie Scholma, Simon Speulstra,
Maraleisa VandenHeuvel**

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 329:1,3
“Lead Me, Guide Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Martin Neary
Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love, —where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain:
O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there’s despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy. (Refrain)

Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life. (Refrain)

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The Offertory: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Charles Callahan, David Cherwien

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: “**LEAVE ROOM FOR GOD’S WRATH**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 473
“Come, You Thankful People Come”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“God, You Call Us to This Place”

Robert Hobby

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Sara Good – organist
Ted Rozeboom – vocalist

Brad Van Haitsma and Albert Doorn – 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.

The special offering for the month of August is for Home Repair Services of West Michigan. They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

This evening, we welcome guest seminarian and LaGrave member **Grant Mensonides**, who will lead us in worship.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live