

October 2, 2022

Worldwide Communion Sunday

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 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Communion”

Richard Purvis

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Dale Wood

“Gift of Finest Wheat”

Ronald Schmoltze

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee” (8:40)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song: this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

“Let Our Talents and Tongues Employ” (11:00)

Jamaican Folk Song, adapted Doreen Potter

Let our talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy. Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

(Refrain) Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share, God (Emmanuel) everywhere!

(Refrain)

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship and Rejoice 702***

“We Come as Guests Invited”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Profess Our Faith

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:1-5

The Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, just like the ones on the road to Emmaus, we confess that our eyes are often kept from seeing you. We confess our sin which blinds us to your presence in our world. In your mercy, open our eyes, especially when our dashed hopes keep us from seeing that you are walking with us. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 533:1-3,5***

“I Come with Joy”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”(8:40)

Dale Wood

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel; here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.”

Come to the feast of love! Come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above; come to the feast of love! Come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

“Holy Manna” (11:00)

Southern Folk Song, arr. Frank Pesci

Brethren, we have met for worship and adore the Lord our God; will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sisters aided him; will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that he will be found; sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too, let us love and pray for sinners, 'til our God makes all things new; then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down, Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around. Brethren, raise your cries to Jesus, sisters let your prayers abound; pray, O pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

The Sermon: **“HOLY HABITS: THE LORD'S SUPPER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 207:1***

“Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion – See insert

The Offering and Closing Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 840***

“Behold the Lamb”

(congregation remains seated during the offering, and rises on final stanza)

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Just As I Am”

Charles Ore

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jan Doornbos Zandt – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Chad Boorsma and Christine Hoekzema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dan and Megan Molenbeek – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: World-wide Communion Sunday is celebrated through vocal solos and anthems from a variety of countries and traditions including English/Scottish (8:40 introit), Jamaican folk song (11:00 introit), American (8:40 anthem), Colonial American (11:00 anthem), and African-American spiritual (communion anthem), all of which remind us that the universal Church is much bigger and wider than the walls of our own sanctuary.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Norma, Christine, and Marc Hoeksema** in loving memory of the lives of Barbara Tahl and Karl Hoeksema on the anniversaries of their home-goings with the Lord.

The special offering for October is for **Oakdale Neighbors**, a neighborhood development organization providing youth mentoring and advocacy, tax preparation, financial classes and neighborhood business development assistance.

This evening Rev. Peter Jonker will be preaching on 2 Corinthians 1:15 – 2:11. His sermon is titled “Grief, Love and Church Politics.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live