

September 11, 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 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:

“Récit de Cromorne en Taille” Guillaume-Antoine Calvière
“Variations on “Thaxted” (O God beyond All Praising) Tom Trenney

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Praise the Lord” Cameroon Processional, arr. Ralph Johnson
Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!
Praise God's Holy name. Alleluia!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
(stanza 3 a cappella, all who are able, please sing descant on stanza 4)

*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:

O God, we confess to you that we are a people of unclean

lips. We have complained aloud; we have spoken harshly to others; we have used sarcasm. Merciful Father, we know that our lips reflect our hearts and ask your forgiveness. Fill us with your spirit, who enables us to be people with grateful hearts, who speak kindly to others and who are filled with patience. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,3,4
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“God, We Praise You!” C.H.H. Parry, arr. Jack Shrader
God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you Sovereign Lord! Mighty King who angels worship, Father, by your church adored: all creation shows your glory, heaven and earth draw near your throne singing “Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!” True apostles, faithful prophets, saints who set their world ablaze, martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, join one growing song of praise, while your church on earth confesses one majestic Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally. Jesus Christ, the King of glory, everlasting Son of God, humble was your virgin mother, hard the lonely path you trod. By your cross is sin defeated, hell confronted face to face, heaven open to believers, sinners justified by grace. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world you made; Lord, in mercy help your servants for whose freedom you have paid: raise us up from dust to glory, guard us from all sin today; King enthroned above all praises, save your people, God, we pray.
God, we praise you!
God, we bless you!
God, we name you Sovereign Lord!

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

The Sermon: **“HOLY HABITS: GRACE TO YOU, AND PEACE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246:1,3,4
“God is Here”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for in your great love, out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything in them. You made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you for giving Jesus as the bread of life. Through his sacrifice you forgive our sins and feed our souls.

We thank you that in Jesus, you give us strength for today and hope for eternity.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution for the Bread

During the distribution we sing: Lift Up Your Hearts 627
“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

The Words of Institution for the Wine

During the distribution the choir will sing:

“Taste and See” James E. Moore, Jr

Refrain: Taste and see, the goodness of the Lord.

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.*

*Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I
called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set
free.*

*Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you
ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all
our trust.*

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The Offering and Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 770

“In Christ Alone”

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

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Carillon”

Louis Vierne

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist
Dr. Elizabeth West – organist
Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst - director
Jess Hollenbach, pianist

Chad Boorsma and Joellah Bouwman – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Merv Kamper and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave – Today's processional hymn and choir anthem are paraphrases of the *Te Deum Laudamus* text. This Latin hymn, penned in the 5th century, celebrates worship to God the Father and Christ the Son. Throughout the ages, hundreds of composers have set this text to glorious choral music, offering praise and gratitude to our Sovereign Lord. Today our choir sings a rendition of the *Te Deum* that was commissioned by the Chancel Choir, Christ Church of Oak Brook, upon the retirement of founding pastor, Dr. Arthur DeKruyter.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Jana Baatenburg** and **Lara Baatenburg** in loving memory of their grandparents, Gene and Sylvia VanZee and Dirk and Elizabeth Baatenburg.

The special offering for the month of September is for the Pregnancy Resource Center. PRC Grand Rapids provides care to the men and women in our community in a professional and respectful manner. They offer compassion and resources to those who seek support.

This evening there will be special Church Activities – see bulletin.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live