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 Treney

**The Chiming of the Hour**
The Welcome

- "Praise the Lord" Cameroon Processional, arr. Ralph Johnson
  Praise God’s Holy name: Alleluia!

**The Greeting**

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

**The Introtit:**

- "Praise the Lord"

**The Processional Hymn:**

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,3,4* (O God beyond All Praising) Tom Treney

**The Prayer of Confession:**

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

**We Respond with Thanksgiving**

The Children’s Moment

**The Pastoral Prayer**

The Exhortation

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

**We Respond with Thanksgiving**

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.

**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
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 Choral Amen
*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells
*The Postlude:
“Carillon”  Louis Vierne

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 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