

October 16, 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:

“Benedictus”

Alec Rowley

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise”

David Cherwien, Wilbur Held

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Laudate Dominum/Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord” (8:40)

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum omnes gentes! Alleluia!

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord, peoples! Alleluia!

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“O God, We Worship Thee” (11:00)

Hal H. Hopson

O God, we worship thee; O God, we worship thee. We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God Beyond All Praising”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 6:1-5

The Prayer of Confession:

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment and then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty. We closed them, for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that you might work through us. We gave a small part that we might not get too involved. Lord, forgive us when we serve you only if it is convenient to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive us, renew us, fill us with your Spirit and send us anew as ambassadors into a world that needs to know you. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 869:1,2

“Here I Am, Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “For the Joy of Music” (8:40)

Natalie Sleeth

For the joy of music, for a voice to sing, for a song to praise thee, thanks, O Lord we bring! For the mighty trumpet, for the tuneful string, for the pipe and cymbal, thanks, O Lord, we bring! Some may offer treasure, build a temple high, but the music's measure we will magnify! For the sound of singing, bells that loudly ring, instruments in chorus, thanks, O Lord, we bring! For a voice, thy praise to sing, Lord, to thee, our thanks we bring! For the pipe and tuneful string, Lord, to thee, our thanks we bring. Some may build a temple high, but with song we'll magnify! For the bells that loudly ring, Lord, to thee, our thanks we bring! For the joy of music, for a voice to sing, for a song to praise thee, thanks, O Lord, we bring! For the mighty trumpet, for the tuneful string, for the pipe and cymbal, thanks, O Lord, we bring! Some may offer treasure, build a temple high but with music's measure we will magnify! For the sound of trumpet, bells that loudly ring, instruments in chorus, thanks, O Lord, we bring! For the joy of music, thanks we bring!

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The Anthem: “Nunc dimittis” (Now Let Thy Servant Depart in Peace)

David Conte

Now let thy servant depart in peace, O Lord, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

The Offertory:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

David Cherwien

The Offering

Today's offering is for Oakdale Neighbors and the LaGrave General Fund. Please use an envelope from the pew to designate your gift. All undesignated monies will go to the General Fund.

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Register.)

*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: Matthew 28: 16-20 (pg.1553)

The Sermon: **“HOLY HABITS: SENT OUT”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 925

“Go to the World”

*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:

“Go to the World”

Aaron David Miller

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

7th-12th Grade Choir, Renee Vande Wege – director (8:40)

Jess Hollenbach – pianist (8:40)

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

Everett and Desmond Smith – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Rachel Rynbrandt and Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00): As we dwell on the topic of “Sending,”—the final part of worship—the choir shares the beautiful text from the Song of Simeon, otherwise known as the Nunc Dimittis. It was upon finally seeing the salvation of the world in the birth of the Messiah that aged Simeon could depart in peace. American composer David Conte’s anthem begins in a contemplative manner, but soon builds at both “to be the glory of thy people Israel” and in the doxological (Gloria Patri) section featuring multiple rhythms sung simultaneously. A final, restful Amen concludes the piece.

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth continues until Advent. As you continue to look at the banners and paraments, reflect on these concepts from Colossians 2:6,7. Remain rooted in Jesus Christ and in the faith you were taught. Let the spirit of thanksgiving overflow in your life.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **His Collection** in loving memory of our sisters in Christ, **Mary Bartman, Marcia Chrzanowski, Shirley Grassmidt, and Glenda Veltman.**

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, Reverend Jonker will be leading our **Service of Remembrance**. This annual service is an opportunity for us to remember loved ones who we’ve lost, to commit their lives to God and to take shelter in his resurrection promises.

Whispers of God – the collection plates go by very quickly during the offering. You may only catch a word or two that is written on the plate. Here are the complete phrases for your encouragement.

- The earth is the Lord’s
- Rejoice in the Lord always
- Hallowed be your name
- Cast all your cares on him
- God heals your diseases
- Be still and know I am God
- The Lord is my Shepherd
- He forgives all your sins
- Remember and believe
- The Lord bless you and keep you
- Although your sins be as scarlet
- He is Lord
- Grace and peace be with you
- For God so loved the world