

October 9, 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:

“Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Baptized in Water”

David Ferreira

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Richard A. Nichols

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“We Believe in God: A Sung Baptismal Setting of The Apostles' Creed” (8:40)

Buz Wilcoxon

We believe in God the Father, who created heaven and earth. As we journey through the water, grant our lives of faith new birth.

We believe in Christ, God's true Son, born by power of heaven for us. In his death and resurrection all our sins away are washed.

We believe in God the Spirit, binding us to saints above. Though the storms of life may buffet, we are sealed within God's love.

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“A Festive Intrada” (11:00)

Cynthia Dobrinski

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795

“We Know that Christ is Raised”

*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:

Holy God, the seraphim, ever in your presence, do not dare to behold you.

Isaiah cries, "Woe!"-- for no one can see the Lord Almighty and live.

We too are a people of unclean lips: we are silent when we should speak; we speak when we should be silent.

We broadcast what should remain in our own thoughts.

In your mercy, show us the sin of our hearts. Wash us, inside and out, Holy Spirit. Make us vessels fit for you.

In Jesus' name, amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 623

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

(stanza 3 a cappella)

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” (8:40)

Paul D. Weber

All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation; baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation. Through Christ's redemption they shall stand among the glorious, heavenly band of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray: grant us your Holy Spirit. Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may eternal life inherit. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Handbell Anthem:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (11:00)

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Offertory:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dallas Blair

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 6:1-14 (pg.1751)

The Sermon: **“HOLY HABITS: BAPTISM”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 946

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

(all who are able please sing descant on stanza 3)

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Healey Willan

*Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus...rolling as a mighty ocean over me...
underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love.*

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

Bells Jubilate, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Ruth Bylsma – flutist

Andrea Hoekzema and Olivia Ackerman – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Robert Otte and Brad Van Haitsma – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: The theme of water is expressed through both the first prelude piece and the postlude this morning. The great J. S. Bach, in his baptism chorale prelude *Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came*, paints a picture of the cascading waves of the Jordan river through perpetual fast sixteenth notes which rise and fall. The text of the hymn *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* describes the cleansing waters of Jesus' love shown through baptism as "a mighty ocean... the current of [his] love...an ocean vast of blessing.

Tomorrow, October 10, 2022 marks the 102nd anniversary of the installation of Dr. Lee S. Huizenga as LaGrave's missionary to China. **The flowers on the chancel** commemorate the first missionaries from the CRC to China – Rev. John DeKorne, Rev. Harry Dykstra, and Rev. Lee S. Huizenga, MD. Thanks be to God!

The Phil and Marie Huizenga family

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.

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. The banners and parament reflect concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life's challenges and remain firm in our faith.

This evening we welcome **Rev. Peter Gordon**, LaGrave member and leader of Jabez Ministries – a disability ministry to college students.

We also welcome **Rev. Ron Sandison**, a Baptist preacher and a leader in the disability community. Ron has written multiple books on Christian faith and autism.

Sarah Stanford is a pianist and vocalist who serves on the board of Jabez Ministries and works as a massage therapist. We welcome Sarah this evening and pray God's blessings on her music ministry.