

November 20, 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:

“Cortège et Litanie”

Marcel Dupré

Preludio “Sine Nomine” (For All the Saints)

Herbert Howells

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 43

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: from the Canons of Dort, 3rd and 4th points of doctrine, articles 1 and 3

The Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, we know you are the source of our salvation and the finisher of our faith. We confess that often we live like our salvation depends on us. Forgive us for making too much of our own effort. Free us from the daily grind of accomplishing so we may gently depend on your steadfast love. Now before you, the one who will complete the good work you started, we silently confess our sins.

the time of silence is followed by singing:

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison. (Sing twice)

The Assurance of Pardon:

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. (Ephesians 1:4-6)

Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 351:1,3,4

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Food Offering:

We give our pre-thanksgiving offerings for the Westminster Food Bank. Please come forward down the center aisle with your food offering, and return to your seat by the side aisles. If you did not bring food, you may come forward with a monetary offering and place it in one of the plates. You may also stay in your seat.

During the food offering we will sing:

Worship and Rejoice 570

“As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought”

Lift Up Your Hearts 560

“We Praise You, O God”

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “Great Lord God! Thy Kingdom Shall Endure”

George F. Handel

Great Lord God! Thy kingdom shall endure, thy kingdom shall endure forevermore.

God Speaks to Us

The Reading: Canons of Dort, Fifth Main Point of Doctrine, Article 1 & 8 (*Our Faith* pg. 137)

The Scripture: Romans 8:28-32 (pg. 1755), Hebrews 3:12-19 (pg. 1863)

The Sermon: **“THE CANONS OF DORT:
THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 660

“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Choral Octet, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

Kathryn Becksvort, Jennifer Schroder – soprano

Jess Hollenbach, Renee Vande Wege – alto

Jim Elzinga, Zach Kruyf – tenor

Karel de Waal Malefyt, Peter Redder – bass

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

Avery and Nolan Walcott – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Joyce Jeltema and Dee DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: An excerpt from Handel's oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*, the anthem *Great Lord God! Thy Kingdom Shall Endure* (originally *Hail, Hail, Judea*) is in quintessential Handelian style. A single theme with three stepwise notes pervades the entire piece, and a single repetitive rhythm (eighth-note followed by two sixteenth-notes) gives the piece energy, vibrancy, and buoyancy. Like the *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*, the edited text of this anthem recounts the sovereignty of God, whose kingdom will never end.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Scott Stehouwer, Andy, Becca, Josh, Ellie & Hannah VandeGriend** in memory of **Nancy DeVos Stehouwer** on the anniversary of her passing. We are grateful to God for her example as a loving wife, mom, Nana and teacher to many.

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, which works in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms.

This evening, we will have a special Koinonia service celebrating our church's work in the Cuban CRCs. Our family-friendly service will begin at **5 pm** where Reverend Jonker will preach. After the service a Cuban dinner will be served to anyone who wants to come. We hope to see many of you there!

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live