

November 6, 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:

“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin”
“Meditation”

Johann Sebastian Bach
Cécile Chaminade

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” (8:40)
Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks, and sing.

Kevin McChesney

“Come, Ye That Love the Lord” (11:00)

arr. Alice Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, and let your love be known; join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but favorites of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

*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:

Triune God, the light of your holiness exposes the cracks in our nature.

It shines on the faults we try to hide from others and illuminates the secrets we don't acknowledge even to ourselves.

So we admit it: flaws run through the fabric of our lives. Yet your image in us is not ruined beyond recognition or redemption.

The light of your holiness shines on us through the righteousness of Jesus, too.

So, God, reclaim even our fractures and our faults.

Through them, show us our dependence on Jesus.

Through them, shine your light in this world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 655

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem: “And Can It Be?” (8:40)

Anna Laura Page

Amazing love! How can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?

The Anthem: “Almighty and Everlasting God” (11:00)

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand, to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory:

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Molly Ijames

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

The Offering

Today's offering is for World Renew 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 Reading: Canons of Dort, Third Main Point of Doctrine, Article 1-3 (*Our Faith* pg. 130)

The Scripture: Romans 3:9-26 (pg. 1748)

The Sermon: **“THE CANONS OF DORT:
TOTAL DEPRAVITY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 170

“Man of Sorrows—What a Name”

*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:

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O Lord”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Sarah Horton – clarinetist

Bells Jubilate, Dr. James Borst – director (8:40)

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

Chad Boorsma and Olivia Ackerman – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Elijah and Maraleisa Vanden Heuvel – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: (8:40) Composer, clinician, organist, and handbell editor for a music publishing company, Ann Laura Page cleverly combines two familiar hymns in her handbell arrangement *And Can It Be?* The outer sections feature full chords and rich harmony, evoking Charles Wesley’s text “Amazing love, how can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?” The character of the middle section is slower and more meditative, using the early American hymn *Amazing Grace*. Both hymns speak of God’s amazing love and grace which cover all our sin.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Jim and Barb Boelkins** in loving memory of their daughter, Melissa, who passed away on September 10, 2022.

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, who work 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. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will go deeper into Romans 9:1-24, his sermon is titled “Objects of Wrath, Created for Destruction.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live