

**January 15, 2023**

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:

“How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

Mark Sedio, Max Drischner

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Karl Osterland

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Here, Master, in This Quiet Place” (8:40)

*Here, Master, in this quiet place, where anyone can kneel, I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.*

*You never said “You ask too much,” to any troubled soul. I long to feel your healing touch, will you not make me whole?*

*Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown, Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.* Words: Fred Pratt Green  
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“O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness” (11:00)

*O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name!*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,2,4,7,8

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### ***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30

*concluded by singing*

**Come to the Savior now, all who have wandered far;  
renew your solemn vow, for his by right you are;  
come like poor, wandering sheep returning to his fold;  
his arm will safely keep, his love will ne'er grow cold.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 613:2

The Prayer of Confession:

Sometimes we look around us, Lord, and everything seems broken:

**some things just "off-kilter;" others smashed beyond repair.**

Sometimes we look within us, Lord, and everything seems broken:

**Thoughtless habits send us spinning; sleeping struggles wake again.**

Our souls know shame and isolation--we can hardly look to you.

**But then you lift our heads and touch our sight. We dare to cry again, "Mercy, Lord--for me, a sinner."**

And in your eyes is resurrection; in your gaze our own is new. In Christ's name, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: based on Psalm 34:4-6

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 737

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

*stanza 3 a cappella*

### ***We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises*** (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

**Maren Pearl DeJong (11:00)** daughter of Andrew &

Hillary DeJong

Prayer Partner: Judy Scholten

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859:1,2 (11:00)

“Be Thou My Vision”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (8:40)

arr. Lloyd Larson

*(Refrain) There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.” Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend; and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)*

“Lay Your Healing Hands Upon Me” (11:00) Rollo A. Dilworth

*Lord, lay your hands upon me. I need a healing! Oh, Lord, won't you lay your healing hands upon me?*

*There was a man who was a leper, who was healed of his infirmity. The Lord touched him, and he was healed.*

*There was a man who was a deaf mute, who was healed in Galilee. The Lord touched him and he was healed.*

*There was a man who needed healing, he was blind and he could not see. The Lord touched him and he was healed*

*Ain't that a healing, a mighty good healing! Oh surely, the Lord will lay his hands upon me! Hallelujah!*

*Oh Lord, won't you lay your healing hands upon me? I know the Lord will lay his hands on me. Oh! Surely the Lord will lay his hands upon me.*

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The Offering

The Offertory:

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Robert J. Powell

\*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## *God Speaks to Us*

The Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4 (p.1511)

The Sermon: **“ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN  
MATTHEW: THE LEPER”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

## *We Go in His Peace*

\*The Hymn of Response: *Worship & Rejoice 93*  
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

\*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:  
“Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light)”                      Théodore Dubois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Glenda Buteyn and Becky Rhoda – vocalists (8:40)

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

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

Carmen Day and Noah Batts – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

**Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent.** During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighborhoods and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

### **Music at LaGrave: (11:00)**

Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970) is a young African-American composer whose music draws from spiritual and gospel

styles. Like many pieces in this genre, the refrain of *Lay Your Healing Hands upon Me* contains syncopated rhythms and textual repetition, while the verse is in call and response format in which a soloist’s text tells a story and the choir’s text offers responsive commentary. The anthem also quotes an African-American spiritual; *I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me*.

**The flowers on the chancel today** are given in loving memory of **Marvin DeWinter** by his family. “God is my strength and portion forever.” Psalm 73:26

**The January special offering** is for Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

**This evening**, Reverend Peter Jonker will be leading worship. He will preach on 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)