

February 12, 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:

"Elegy" George Thomas Thalben-Ball
"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" Richard Purvis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit

"O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising" (8:40)
O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising, in every city for your love and care; inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

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"This Is the Day" (11:00) Les Garrett
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 372
"When Morning Gilds the Sky"

*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, he gently calls to you;
in true repentance bow, let him your heart renew.
Christ came that you may know salvation, peace, and
love, true joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.**
LUYH 613:1

The Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God,
heaven and earth cannot contain you;
how much less the temples we have built!
When we close the door in the faces of those who would
look for you in us,
forgive us.
When selfishness overtakes our desire to reflect your
generosity,
forgive us.
When we attend to our outward appearance
but neglect the condition of our hearts,
forgive us.
Make us new in the image of your Son.
In his name we pray, Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 1:18

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 659
"Nearer, Still Nearer"
stanza 3 a cappella

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises (8:40)

The Explanation of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

Emmett James Chase (8:40) son of Ben & Elaina Chase
Prayer Partner: Cyndi Post

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 755:1,3 (8:40)
"Speak, O Lord"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (11:00)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Hope of the World" (8:40) Carl Schalk
Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent: save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life: still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light: walk thou beside us, lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt: we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, over death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

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"Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" (11:00)

Refrain:
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho, Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down.

You may talk about the men of Gideon, you may talk about the men of Saul, there's none like good old Joshua, at the battle of Jericho. (Refrain)

The Offering

The Offertory:

"Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion" Alec Wyton

*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 23:13-37 (p.1540)

The Sermon: **“ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN
MATTHEW: THE TEACHERS OF THE
LAW AND THE HYPOCRITES”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 746
“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

*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:
“Pasticcio”

Jean Langlais

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

K-2 Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Julia Fletcher – pianist (11:00)

Penny Hakes and Evelyn Holford – readers (11:00)

Rene Baatenburg and Chad Boorsma – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

Music at LaGrave: (8:40) Living in a strongly patriarchal era, theologian Georgia Harkness (1891-1974) was the first female to teach in an American seminary. Writer of a handful of hymn texts, she wrote *Hope of the World* for the second Global meeting of the World Council of Churches in 1954. Her text is set to a Genevan Psalm tune arranged by Carl Schalk. The melody is heard clearly in the 1st, 3rd, and 5th stanzas, but is placed in the tenor voice in the 2nd and 4th, as was common in 16th century Genevan Psalm singing.

The February special offering is for Wedgwood Christian Services which provides youth services, residential treatment, foster care, independent living, in-home intervention, outpatient counseling and prevention – “helping troubled kids discover lives filled with meaning and purpose”.

This evening, Rev. Peter Jonker will preach on 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. His sermon is entitled “Temples of the Holy Spirit.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

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.