

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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:

“Through Adam’s Fall Is the World Defiled”

Johann Gottfried Walther, Georg Philipp Telemann, Johann Sebastian Bach

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Eric Thiman

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 264:1,3,5,7

“Lift High the Cross”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: John 15:4-5

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways and forgetting your love. We have failed to abide in you, to cooperate with the work of your Spirit in and through us. We are sorry for the times we have grasped for control and power to do things our way. In your mercy, set us on paths of righteousness and lead us in the way we should go. Amen.

A time of silent confession concluded by singing:

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide, forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

W&R 252:1,4

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 15:3-6

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 330:1-3

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Blessing

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Within the Vale of Eden” (8:40)

Provençal carol

arr. James E. Clemens

Within the vale of Eden a long, long time ago, God placed our father Adam because he loved him so; and God created woman to be by Adam’s side, they lived in perfect pleasure and never tasted woe.

But then the serpent entered and tempted Adam’s wife, he spoke about the apple upon the tree of life; he promised her the knowledge to make her as a god, she reached and plucked the apple, and peace was turned to strife.

Then Eve returned to Adam, her story to relate, he followed her example, forbidden fruit he ate; then came the bitter knowledge that man would suffer death, God turned them from the garden, and exile was their fate.

Through Adam did we suffer and feel the weight of sin, till Jesus came to save us, our happiness to win; he came as our Redeemer, to bring eternal life: now paradise is open, and we may enter in.

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The Choral Anthem:

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (11:00)

Mark Patterson

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Oh, come and sing: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises ring: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven’s blissful shore, singing forevermore, God’s goodness we’ll adore: Alleluia! Amen! Oh, come and sing: Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises ring: Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend. His love shall never end! Alleluia! Amen!

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Genesis 3:1-21 (p.5)

The Sermon: **“FAILURES AND FAITHFULNESS: ADAM AND EVE”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,3,5

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

God Feeds Us at His Table

(See bulletin insert)

During the passing of the bread:

- 1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown. O sacred head, what glory and blessing you have known! Yet, though despised and gory, I claim you as my own.**
- 2. My Lord, what you did suffer was all for sinners’ gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain. So here I kneel, my Savior, for I deserve your place; look on me with your favor and save me by your grace.**
- 3. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend, for this, your dying sorrow, your mercy without end? Lord, make me yours forever, a loyal servant true, and let me never, never outlive my love for you.**

Lift Up Your Hearts 168

During the passing of the wine: the organ plays

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 175
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
stanza 3 a cappella, rise on stanza 4

*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:
“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
Mary Beth Bennett

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

3-6 Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Julia Fletcher – pianist (11:00)

Desmond and Everett Hoekzema Smith – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Purple is the color used throughout the liturgical season of Lent. It symbolizes the suffering and sorrow of Jesus’ journey to the cross. It also symbolizes the suffering of humanity and a world broken by sin. For believers, it is a time of self-examination, repentance, and renewal. In sorrow we confess our sins to God, in Christ, seeking forgiveness and redemption.

Music at LaGrave (8:40) A popular French traditional Christmas carol is the vehicle to carry a poetic text recounting the narrative of Adam and Eve found in Genesis 2-3. The simplicity of this tune makes the story easy to follow and understand. Anthony G. Petti, a British professor and musician who taught in London and Canada, translated a large amount of Renaissance literature. The final stanza of his translation speaks of the hope and eternal life the Second Adam provides us.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Andrea Dekker**. They are given with gratitude for the love and joy she shared **with Grace, Max, Anne, Sara, Jeff and Don Dekker.**

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 Acts 19:23-41. His sermon is entitled, “A Public Faith.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live