

March 12, 2023

Third 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:

“Passacaglia on *The Passion Chorale*”

(O Sacred Heart, Now Wounded)

Raymond H. Haan

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple” (8:40)

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

“Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works” (11:00)

Traditional Dakota song, arr. Lara Baatenburg

Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky. Your hands have set the heavens with stars; your fingers spread the mountains and plains. You merely spoke and waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

Grant us communion with you, our God, though you transcend the stars. Come close to us and stay by our side: with you are found the true gifts that last. Bless us with life that never shall end, eternal life with you.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 542

“All Glory Be to God on High”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Titus 2:11-13

The Prayer of Confession:

Sufficient God, all our lives we look to fill the empty places in our hearts.

We seek meaning in relationships, accomplishments, hobbies and pleasures.

Yet in the quiet a strange dissatisfaction sometimes lingers.

Truly our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

So overcome our resistance, Spirit of God. Prepare our hearts for ongoing renovation.

For although we are dust, you have called us to life.

In Jesus' name, 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.

Worship & Rejoice 252:1,4

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 15:3-6

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 170:1,2,3,5

“Man of Sorrows – What a Name”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“All My Hope on God Is Founded” (8:40)

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Herbert

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All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

“Lamb of God” (11:00)

Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called the Lamb of God. O lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God.

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The Offering

The Offertory:

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Raymond H. Haan

*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: Judges 13:1-5,24-25; 14:1-3;

15:14-17; 16:1-5, 21-30 (p.392)

The Sermon: **“FAILURES AND
FAITHFULNESS: SAMSON”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164
“What Wondrous Love”

*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:
“Toccata on *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (8:40)

7-12 Choir, Trish Brummel – director (11:00)

Jess Hollenbach – pianist (11:00)

Rene Baatenburg and Joel Bouwman – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Merv Kamper and Marlene Padding – 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 (11:00)

While a pre-med student at Calvin University in 2009, LaGrave member Lara Baatenburg took a Piano in Worship class with Norma de Waal Malefyt and arranged the Native American (Dakota) hymn *Many and Great*,

O God, Are Your Works. A few years later, her arrangement was accepted for inclusion in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* hymnal (#27). It has a rhythmic drum-like bass part, mimicking the drums that would have been used by Native American musicians. Our high school choir shares Lara’s arrangement as the introit this morning.

The March special offering is for God’s Kitchen. God’s Kitchen is part of Catholic Charities under the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They provide noon-time meals, serving people in downtown Grand Rapids as well as six sponsored sites throughout West Michigan.

This evening, Rev. Peter Jonker will lead us in worship. The Scripture will be Deuteronomy 9:6-18, Matthew 18:20-21, and his sermon is entitled “Remember and Never Forget”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live