

March 26, 2023

Fifth 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:

“Sonatina No. 2 in F Major”

Lynn Freeman Olson

“Invention No. 14”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Sonatina for My Friends”

Lynn Freeman Olson

“Swirling Winds”

El Lancaster, arr. Gayle Kowalchyk

“Prelude No. 8”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Hymnsong” (Fantasia on *Nearer, Still Nearer*)

Randall Standridge

The Chiming of the Hour

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God Beyond All Praising”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Ministry Moment – Heidi Brandt

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Psalm 95:6-7

The Prayer of Confession:

Father, you instruct us to bow before you in worship,
yet we are often distracted by our own thoughts.

You call us to kneel before you in humility,
yet we are often concerned with our own wants and desires.

You remind us that you are our God and that we are your people,
yet we often want to be the ones in charge.

Forgive us for these sins,
as well as those that we now silently confess before you...

time of silent prayer

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we ask all these things,
Amen.

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

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Professions of Faith and Adult Baptisms (11:00)

Alexandra Watson

John Watson

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 730: 1-2

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

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

the pastoral prayer will include this response based on Psalm 102:1-2,17

Leader: Lord, turn your ear and hear our prayer,

People: for you will not reject our plea.

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Appalachian Air” (based on *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*)
arr. Michael Brown

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: 1 Kings 12:24-13:5 (p.542)

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 770

“In Christ Alone”
arr. Karel de Waal Malefyt

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Sine Nomine” (*For All the Saints*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Alfred Reed

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Thomas Borgman, Connor Borgman, Eleanor Borgman,

Izzy Elenbaas, Joella Bouwman – prelude pianists

Calvin Christian High School Wind Ensemble, Sarah Horton – director

Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Rachel Rynbrandt 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

In 2013, LaGrave member and former 5th-12th grade Calvin Christian Band Director Jeff Looman was tragically killed in a car-bicycle accident. *Hymnsong* (based on *Nearer, Still Nearer*) was commissioned by the Calvin Christian School Music Department in memory of Jeff. He left a lasting legacy as a master-teacher and valued colleague, largely because of his ability to live life to its fullest in his faith, his relationships, and in his love for music education. Jeff was known for his enthusiasm and zest for life, but he will always be remembered for his strongly-rooted faith and the deep impact he had on everyone who knew him. Jeff's daughter, Sarah Horton, carries on his legacy as current band director at Calvin Christian.

We welcome the **Calvin Christian High School Wind Ensemble** as our guest musicians this Christian Education Sunday. This auditioned ensemble is comprised of 9th-12th grade students including LaGrave members Jonathah Bouwman, Connor Borgman, Ella Busscher, and director Sarah Horton. The ensemble performs regularly throughout the school year, participates in area worship services, attends adjudicated festivals, and travels on a biannual spring music tour. May God bless their ministry through music in our worship today.

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, we will have our Koinonia service. We will have a 5pm worship service (note the time!) focused on prayer and then we will enjoy a congregational meal in the MPR immediately following the service. These special

services and the meals following them are designed for young and old, so we hope to see many of you there. You will also have the chance to enjoy the first annual **LaGrave Paper Airplane Competition**. Prizes will be awarded.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live