

March 5, 2023

Second 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:

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Michael Burkhardt

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Keith and Kristyn Getty; arr. Lloyd Larson

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Mark Albrecht

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“My God Is a Rock”

African American Spiritual
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm. I know he is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 137

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Luke 9:23-24

The Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love,

yet we have not been obedient to you.

For the times we have failed to listen to your voice...

We seek your mercy.

For the times we thought our ways were best...

We seek your grace.

For the times we have put ourselves first...

We seek your forgiveness.

Father, hear these prayers,

as well as the sins we now confess silently to you...

time of silent prayer

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, 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.

LUYH 132:1,4

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 15:3-6

*The Hymn of Assurance: Lift Up Your Hearts 688:1-2

“How Vast the Benefits Divine”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Meaning of Baptism (8:40)

The Vows (8:40)

The Baptism:

Luke Stevens Vanderploeg (8:40)

son of Nathan and Megan Vanderploeg

Prayer Partners: Chip and Julie Wisse

The Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 709 (8:40)

“Jesus Loves Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (11:00)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Michael Burkhardt

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Robert Buckley Farlee

*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: Numbers 20 (p.240)

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

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 384

“Rock of Ages”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” Michael Burkhardt

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Alanna Rynders – oboist

Vocal Octet, Glenda Buteyn – director (8:40)

Kathryn Becksvoort, Jennifer Schroder – soprano

Jess Hollenbach, Renee Vande Wege – alto

Jim Elzinga, Zach Kruyf – tenor

Karel de Waal Malefyt, Peter Redder – bass

Chancel Choir, Glenda Buteyn – assistant director (11:00)

Rachel Rynbrandt and Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40 & 11:00)

This evening, we will have a hymn sing, where you will have the opportunity to choose your favorite hymns. Our special guests will be the **Calvin Alumni Choir**. In addition to singing with us, they will lead us by singing some of the anthems they've prepared for this season.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

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:

Michael Burkhardt, organ professor at Eastern Michigan University, is also a prolific composer of church music. His anthem based on the hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* was one of his many commissions. The lengthy introduction displays his skills as an organist. The tune used to set this text is also known to some as the Navy Hymn (*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*). In addition to the unison melody, Burkhardt sets a verse for men's voices, another verse in four-part harmony, and adds a soaring descant on the final stanza.

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.