

April 16, 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:

“Prelude in G Major” (BWV 541) Johann Sebastian Bach
“In Thee Is Gladness” (BWV 615) Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Rise Now, My Heart, with Gladness” (8:40) Johann Crüger
Rise now, my heart, with gladness; see what the Lord has done! Gone is all gloom and sadness, now shines the glorious sun! Like Christ, we too shall lie lifeless till he draw nigh and bids us then to rise and dwell above the skies.

He in the grace descended, the foe held jubilee; death's darkest powers are ended and Christ again is free. Now victory he cries as glory fills the skies. Our grateful songs ascend with joy that has no end.

“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” (11:00)
Sing, choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ the paschal victory to hymn in songs of holy joy!

*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 298***
“The Day of Resurrection”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God (8:40)

The Call to Confession: Based on Colossians 3:1-15

Since, then, we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Let us set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. For we died, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.

As resurrected Christians, God calls us to kill off the practices that belong to our old life,
Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

As resurrected Christians God calls us to take off the old clothes of sinfulness.

Rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

As resurrected Christians, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God gives us new clothes and new life.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

The Prayer of Confession:

We confess Father, that our minds and hearts are often set on earthly things rather than on kingdom things. We confess that we do not always live a truly Christ-like life. We do not love others as generously as you love us. We are not tolerant of one another and have a hard time forgiving others when they offend us. Work in our hearts, Father, and enable us to forgive others as freely as you have forgiven us. Work in our hearts, Holy Spirit, and help us to live in a spirit of grateful abundance. Help us to live in a way that is worthy of your name. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Peter 2:24

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 191:1,2,4
“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

Warren Lee Aleck, son of Molly & Ghazey Aleck
Prayer Partner: Bob Otte

The Blessing

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 790
“Baptized in Water”

The Profession of Faith

Jaci Albers
Josh VandeGriend

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859:1,2,4
“Be Thou My Vision”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“O Breath of God” (8:40) Keith Getty, Phil Madeira
arr. Larry Shackley

O Breath of God, come fill this place. Revive our hearts to know your grace. And from our slumber make us rise, that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in you. And give to us the Bread of Life, that we may know the risen Christ.

O Love of God, so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name. Let us reflect your sacrifice, that we may know the risen Christ.

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“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” (11:00) Hal H. Hopson
That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light, Alleluia, alleluia! When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia!
His risen flesh with radiance glowed; wounded hands and feet he showed; Alleluia! Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave. Alleluia!

Adoramu te Christe, Adoramos te. O Jesus, King of gentleness, with constant love our hearts profess that we may give you all our days the tribute of grateful praise.

All praise to you, O risen Lord, now both by heaven and earth adored. Alleluia! To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise! Alleluia!

The Offering

The Offertory:

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

David A. Schack

*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: Luke 24:36-49 (p.1645)

The Sermon: “**LOOK AT MY HANDS AND FEET**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 202

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Rejoice”

Noel Goemanne

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Jonathan Tuuk – organist

Kathryn Becksvoort – vocalist (8:40)

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

Jake Versluis and Molly Versluis – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding and Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Keith Getty and Phil Madeira’s contemporary song *O Breath of God* is a prayer requesting three things: that through the Spirit reviving our hearts (v. 1), the Word of God renewing our minds (v. 2) and the love of God refreshing our souls (v. 3), we may know, in greater depth, the Risen Christ. This lyrical piece builds to the final verse which is raised to a higher key, only to end in the prayerful manner in which the piece began.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Bob and Harriet Hasper** with gratitude to God as they celebrate 70 years of marriage today.

The April special offering is for **Family Promise of Grand Rapids**, who partners with local congregations, individuals, families, foundations and corporations to provide emergency shelter and case management for families with children facing a housing crisis.

This evening, we will witness the ordination of Chaplain Tricia Bosma. Her fellow Chaplain Erika Dekker will preach.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live