

April 23, 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:

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” Michael Helman
“This Joyful Eastertide” David Cherwien
“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth,” from *Messiah* G.F. Handel

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Christ Is the World’s Light” (8:40)
Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother—if we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!
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“We Will Glorify” (11:00) Twila Paris
We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.
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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 289***
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*The Greeting – concluded by the minister saying...
“Christ is risen!”

*The People’s Response: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

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:

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all, **yet we have not always bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone the ways of the world and have failed to give him glory.**

Forgive us, Father, and hear us as we continue to pray to you in song...

Gracious God, our hearts renew; make our spirits right and true. In your presence let us stay; by your Spirit show the way. Your salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make our willing hearts.

LUYH 623:2

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Colossians 2:13-15

*The Hymn of Celebration: Lift Up Your Hearts 186:1,3
“Low in the Grave He Lay”

The Admission to Table Fellowship (8:40)

**Austin & Kayla Reiffer
Gabe & Thatcher Stuit**

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 330:1,4 (8:40)
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“We Walk by Faith” (8:40) David Lasky
We walk by faith, and not by sight, no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e’er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice, and cry “My Lord and God!”

Help then. O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

“I Love to Tell the Story” (11:00) Greg Gilpin
I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know it’s true. It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: *I love to tell the story, it will be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy word. (Refrain)

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Low in the Grave He Lay” (8:40) John Ferguson
“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (11:00) Linda McKechnie

*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: John 21:1-14 (p.1687)

The Sermon: **“BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 795
“We Know that Christ is Raised”

*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
“LaVallance,” from *Heroic Music* Georg Philipp Telemann

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Greg Alley – trumpeter

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

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

Trish Brummel – pianist (11:00)

Bells Jubilate, Dr. James Borst – director (11:00)

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

Dan and Megan Molenbeek – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

We welcome frequent LaGrave visitor and trumpeter **Greg Alley** to worship this morning. Greg is currently adjunct professor of trumpet at Calvin University, Hope College, and Cornerstone University.

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Henry Alford’s extensive knowledge as a 19th-century clergyman in the Church of England, renowned scholar, and poet is evident in his hymn texts. Various Scriptural passages are alluded to in his hymn text *We Walk by Faith*. The anthem title echoes II Corinthians 5:7. Verse 2 reminds

us of the doubting Thomas (John 20:24-29). Verse 3 echoes Mark 9:24 and Isaiah 55:6-7, and the final verse recounts a foretaste of our eternal home (I John 3:2).

The flowers on the chancel are in loving memory of **Eve Meeter**. Sunday services were always the highlight of her week! A Bible verse Eve lived by: "Thou dost keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."

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 enjoy the singing of the **Chamber Chorale** from **Grand Rapids Christian High School**. They will sing multiple anthems for us and Rev. Jonker will preach.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live