

**May 14, 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:

“Sarabande for the Morning of Easter”

Herbert Howells

“We Would See Jesus”

Felix Mendelssohn

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden” (8:40)

*Woman, weeping in the garden, who has pushed the stone aside? Who has taken Jesus' body, Jesus Christ the crucified?*

*Woman, dancing from the garden, find the others and proclaim Christ is risen as he promised; tell the world he knew your name!*

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“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (11:00) arr. H. Dean Wagner

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 199

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

\*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: Psalm 15

The Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, in the midst of difficult and challenging times, you remain Lord of all. We confess that we often choose to depend upon our resources rather than depend upon you. Through the Holy Spirit, you send us truth, yet our own wisdom still guides us. Through the Holy Spirit, you send us courage, yet our fears continue to hold us. Through the Holy Spirit, you set our feet on solid ground, yet our weakness causes us to stumble and fall. Forgive us our sin. Strengthen, encourage, and teach us. We pray through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 54:8, 43:25, 44:22

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 329:1-2

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

The Welcome to Table Fellowship

8:40:

**Caleb Ackerman**

**Adrian Buter**

**Mia Elzinga**

**Elsie Fletcher**

**Miriam Fletcher**

**Ike Schaap**

**Audrey Schaap**

**Ethan Schimmel**

**Landon Schimmel**

11:00:

**Gavin Ponstein**

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 329:3

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Believe This Is Jesus” (8:40)

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Undine Smith Moore

*I believe this is Jesus; come and see. Oh, I believe this is Jesus, come and see. The Light of God shines in his face. He offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, Oh, I believe this is Jesus, oh, come and see. Yes, Lord, yes.*

“Festival Sanctus” (11:00)

Cathy Moklebust

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Offering

The Offertory:

“There in God's Garden”

John Eggert

\*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 20:11-18 (p.1685)

The Sermon: **“GLORY IN THE GARDEN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

***God Sends Us Out***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 187

“Thine Is the Glory”

\*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

“Processional on a Theme of Handel”  
(Thine Is the Glory)

David Lasky

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

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

Rachel Rynbrandt and Chad Boorsma – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

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

### **Music at LaGrave (11:00)**

Cathy Moglebust’s handbell piece *Festival Sanctus* is full of joy and exuberance with an underlying eighth-note rhythm through the duration of the entire piece. Although the piece is not based on a pre-existing melody, the title of the work evokes the Sanctus text of the Catholic Mass (Sanctus is translated “holy”), expressing praise to the God of glory who rules in power over the whole earth. The piece is in three sections: an opening section that introduces the main theme, a quieter section in a bit slower tempo and in a new key, and the return of the opening material in the original key.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Tom and Katie Oostema, Pete, Anna, Willa, and Charlotte DeBoer** in loving memory of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandma, **Annette Broodman**. Soli Deo Gloria.

**The May special offering** is for **In The Image**. In The Image is a free store serving thousands of individuals and families by offering clothing, shoes, household goods, bedding, furniture, toys, etc. The S.H.O.E.S. Program provides a new pair of back-to-school athletic shoes for free to elementary students in need.

**This evening**, Rev. Jonker will preach on 1 Kings 1:3-14. The story where the Lord gives Solomon a choice of gifts, and he chooses wisdom. It will be our opportunity to reflect on the nature of wisdom.