

May 7, 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:

“Rhapsody in D-flat Major”

Herbert Howells

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Albert Travis

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear now the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Cantate Domino” (8:40)

Anna Laura Page

Sing a song of joy to God, alleluia; make a joyful noise and shout to God! Sing a song of joy to God, Alleluia; sing a song of praise and joy to God! Cantate, cantate Domino. Alleluia, sing alleluia, cantate Domino.

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“This Little Light of Mine” (11:00)

arr. Anna Laura Page

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Keep me burning 'til the break of day!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing, oh sing! Shout hosanna, shout hosanna, shout hosanna to the King of kings. Oh, sing to the King of kings! Shine!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 583:1,4-7

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

*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: Mark 12:28-34

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Too often our love is weakened by fear, anger and selfishness. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ephesians 3:17-19

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 676:1-2

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

The Installation of Officebearers

8:40 – Deacons: Pam Mensonides, Matt Alcumbrack, Tim Clover

11:00 – Elders: Chuck Damon, Ruth Vis, Cyndi Post, Dean Rooks, Paul Stephenson

Deacons: Loren Koeman, Vicki Gelderloos, Deb Ondersma

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 247

“I Love Your Church, O Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (8:40) arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

“The Lord My Faithful Shepherd Is” from *Cantata 112*

(11:00)

Johann Sebastian Bach, ed., Kenneth Jennings

The Lord my faithful shepherd is, and me he safely guideth. I shall not want, for I am his, who all things good provideth. I follow him, I hear his voice, in him, my Lord, I do rejoice: Blest am I in his keeping.

Thy grace and mercy all my days be with me, failing never, and I shall dwell and sing thy praise within God's house forever. In Christian love I now reside, and after death in heaven abide with Christ, my Lord and Savior.

Psalm 23. Choral text: Kenneth Jennings, 1968.

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The Offering

The Offertory:

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Dan Forrest

*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 21:15-25 (p.1687)

The Sermon: **“DO YOU LOVE ME?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 366

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*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

“Tu es Petra” (You are Peter, and on This Rock I Will
Build My Church)

Henri Mulet

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

7-12 Choir, Trish Brummel – director (8:40)

Jess Hollenbach – pianist (8:40)

Bells Gloria, Trish Brummel – director (8:40)

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

Olivia and Celine Alcumbrack – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave

Born in 1943 in Louisville, Kentucky, Anna Laura Page is a widely published composer of church music, both choral and handbell. Two of her choral anthems are sung this morning as introits at each service. *Cantate Domino* is an energetic anthem of praise echoing themes from the Psalms (95, 96, 98, 146-150) using both Latin and English text. *This Little Light of Mine* is an African-American spiritual which combines with the children’s song *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Lynda Looman & Sarah Horton & family** in loving memory of husband and father, **Jeff Looman**, who is deeply missed every day since he finished his race on earth 10 years ago on May 5.

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, we will have our Koinonia service. The service will start at 5pm instead of 6pm, and it will be followed by a dinner. Both the worship and the dinner will focus on LaGrave's graduates. We will worship in the MPR and Pastor Bob Grussing will lead the service.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live