

June 11, 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 10:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Psalm”

Gordon Young

“A Collage of Psalm 42 Settings” (As a Deer in Want of Water)

Jonathan Tuuk, Egil Hovland, Max Drischner, Jan Zwart

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Erik Routley

Refrain: *Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!*

The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. (Refrain)

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part. (Refrain)

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 551:1,3,5,6

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Stanza 3, women on verses, all on “Alleluia” and “O Praise Him”

Stanza 5, men on verses, all on “Alleluia” and “O Praise Him”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Psalm 42:1-4

The Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we come to you with our lament knowing you will meet us with hope. We confess our weariness, our sadness, and the longings of our soul we do not dare to utter aloud. We confess our fear, our anger, and our doubt, for we know you welcome it all. In your mercy, lead our overwhelmed souls to you, the lifter of our heads. Amen.

The Anthem of Response:

“Kyrie”

Antonin Dvořák; arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram;
adapt. by Gary Alan Smith

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 42:5

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 660:1,3

“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory Anthem:

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Alfred V. Fedak

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain: *No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

*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.**

The Children's Message

God Speaks to Us

The Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open my eyes
that I may see wonderful things in your book.
For your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.
Lord, open my heart
that your truth would be my joy and my delight.
For your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.
Lord, open my mind
that you would show me the way to live.
For your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

Guide me by your Spirit. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

The Scripture: Psalm 74 (p.910)

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
PSALM 74”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1,2,3,5

“How Firm a Foundation”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Kyrie, from *Solemn Mass*”

Louis Vierne

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ellie and Becca VandeGriend – Cross and Bible Bearers

After completing a Master of Divinity at Vanderbilt University in 2015, **Jonathan Bratt Carle** served for several years in parish ministry and is currently a hospice chaplain in Grand Rapids. Prior to realizing a call to ordained ministry, he enjoyed many years in the performing arts as an operatic baritone. We welcome Jonathan to worship at LaGrave.

Ordinary Time is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. This season for spiritual growth is represented in the liturgical colors of blue and green. The banners and paraments reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly rooted by the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God’s Word. By doing so, we find life, experience deep spiritual growth, and are encouraged to live grateful lives.

Music at LaGrave

Baptist minister Robert Lowry (1826-1899) wrote the text and tune of *How Can I Keep from Singing*, a hymn mistakenly called a Quaker hymn. Lowry is remembered for his work as editor of several late 19th-century Sunday school songbooks and gospel songs (perhaps his most well-known hymn is *Low in the Grave He Lay*). This hymn asserts that the troubles of this world are nothing compared to the new creation that is to come, and by clinging to our Rock through life’s storms, we are able to truly keep singing!

Today's chancel flowers are placed by **Drs. James and Joan Borst** in sincere gratitude and joyful praise for the music ministry at LaGrave. Much appreciation goes to Minister of Music **Dr. Larry Visser** for his profound musical and spiritual impact on our worship together. Soli Deo Gloria!

The June special offering is for **Cherry Street Health Services**. An independent, non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with a primary focus of providing high quality health services to those who have little or no access to health care, regardless of income or insurance status. Cherry Health is the largest FQHC in the State of

Michigan providing integrated health care services at more than 20 locations throughout the State.

This evening, Rev. Tricia Bosma will preach on John 14:1-4, 25-31, and her sermon title is “Waiting.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live