

June 18, 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-Prelude No. 1”

Herbert Howells

“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.” (Psalm 34:6)

“Fantasie on Thomas Tallis’ *Third Mode Melody*” (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone; Psalm 62)

Paul Fey

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“What Praise Emerged from Waiting Lips”

*What praise emerged from waiting lips when hope seemed all but lost? No promised Spirit yet had come, no day of Pentecost. Yet day by day in psalm and prayer they gathered, hearts aflame; remembering all that Jesus did, the faithful blessed God’s name.*

*Come, fire that sings in dancing tongues, ignite our languid praise; stir up our hymns with heaven’s breath; give life to note and phrase; our voices join in vibrant songs that tell what God has done; then send us forth to love and serve the Christ in everyone.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 557

“O God Beyond All Praising”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

### We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Mark 4:35-38

The Prayer of Confession:

Father in heaven, we know all things flow from your hand, even that which challenges us.

**Spirit of Jesus, would you also encourage us?**

Father, in your love you confront and humble us in our sin.

**Spirit, in your love, would you also remind us that we are accepted?**

Blessed God, without these mercies of encouragement and acceptance, we grow discouraged.

**Lord, forgive us and shine your face upon us. Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession concluded with singing:*

**Out of the depths I cry to you on high; Lord, hear my call. Bend down your ear and listen to my sigh, forgiving all. If you should mark our sins, who then could stand? But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.**

LUYH 655:1

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 54:7-8,14,17b

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 440:1,2,4

“He Leadeth Me”

*stanza 2 a cappella*

### We Celebrate God’s Covenant Promises

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

**David Walter Schroder**, son of Mitch and Janel Schroder

Prayer Partner: Erin Alley

*Children are invited to come forward for the baptism, and leave during the sung response.*

The Blessing

The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 20:1,3,4

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

### We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Anthem:

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

African American Spiritual  
arr. Lloyd Larson

*I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey. I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory Anthem:

“Hear My Prayer”

Felix Mendelssohn

*Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear! Thyself from my petition do not hide! Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to thee. Without thee all is dark; I have no guide. My heart is solely pained within my breast, my soul with deathly terror is oppressed, trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call! O, for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.*

from Psalm 55:1-8

\*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 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 88 (p.925)

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:  
PSALM 88”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 443:1,3,4  
“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude  
“Out of the Depths, I Cry to Thee, O Lord”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Tricia Bosma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jessica Klooster – vocalist

Dee and Perry DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Jessica Klooster** sang in the Capella while a student at Calvin University and is a frequent soloist throughout West Michigan. She is a member of First Reformed Church in Holland. We welcome Jessica back to worship this morning.

**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**

Felix Mendelssohn’s *Hear My Prayer (O for the Wings of a Dove)* is based on verses from Psalm 55, a supplicatory Psalm pleading for God to hear us in our distress during life’s darkest times. The analogy of flying away on the wings of dove to the safety of God’s shelter is from Psalm 55:6-8. Mendelssohn paints this text by composing an

ascending melodic line depicting the dove rising higher and higher. The anthem, originally composed for soprano solo, chorus, and organ or orchestra, concludes quietly and “at rest” in quiet tranquility.

Today’s chancel flowers are placed by **Carl and Sandy Gronsman** in loving memory of our son **Christopher** who went to be with his Lord seventeen years ago this week.

**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. Peter Jonker** will preach on Exodus 32.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)