

**June 25, 2023**

*SERVE Sunday*

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:

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

Carsten Klomp

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Molly Ijames

“Speak, O Lord”

Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 538

“Holy! Holy! Holy!”

*sing stanza three a cappella*

*sopranos are invited to sing the descant on verse four*

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### ***God Commissions His Servants***

Leader: As we gather here today to worship God, this family of God wants to encourage and support you as you begin a week of service in Christ's name. This week you will be considering the question Jesus asked, “What do you want?” Christ longs to give you your most heartfelt needs including what you will need for this week. So, as you go into the community to be God's agents of transformation

because you will be going with gifts of grace from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Go with the assurance you are loved by the Father who has chosen you for the important and significant task of loving others in his name and sharing the good news of the gospel.**

SERVE Participants: We receive God's gift of love and acceptance and are grateful to him for choosing us to do this significant work.

Congregation: **Go in the freedom of Christ who gave himself for you. May you find hope even in the most difficult circumstances because you know Christ has provided for all our needs, and may you share that hope with all you meet.**

SERVE Participants: We are grateful for the gifts of freedom and hope we have in Christ and will work to share that hope with those who are feeling overwhelmed or hopeless.

Congregation: **Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, knowing he is always with you to empower you and enable you to make a difference for Christ's sake.**

SERVE Participants: We praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence within us and humbly submit to his leading as we seek to make a difference in this world by offering ourselves as living sacrifices every day.

Leader: This church and community thank you for your willingness to serve and promise you our prayers and support. We commission you to go into our community and make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: AMEN!**

\*The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 423

“Give Me Jesus”

### ***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthems of Praise: sung by the SERVE participants

“Same God”

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Pat Barrett, Steven Furtick

*I'm calling on the God of Jacob, whose love endures through generations; I know that you will keep your covenant.*

Refrain: *O God, my God, I need you. O God, my God, I need you now. How I need you now. O Rock, O Rock of Ages, I'm standing on your faithfulness.*

*I'm calling on the God of Mary whose favor rests upon the lowly; I know with you all things are possible. I'm calling on the God of David who made a shepherd boy courageous; I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants. (Refrain)*

*You heard your children then, you hear your children now, you are the same God.*

Songwriters: Patrick Barrett/Christopher Joel Brown/Steven Furtick  
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“Hymn of Heaven”

Phil Wickham

*How I long to breathe the air of heaven, where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets. To look upon the One who bled to save me and walk with him for all eternity.*

Refrain: *There will be a day when all will bow before him, there will be a day when death will be no more. Standing face to face with he who died and rose again. Holy, holy is the Lord.*

*And every prayer we prayed in desperation, the songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear. In the end, we'll see that it was worth it, when he returns to wipe away our tears. (Refrain)*

*And on that day, we join the resurrection, and stand beside the heroes of the faith. With one voice, a thousand generations, sing “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.” “Forever he shall reign.”*

*So let it be today we should the hymn of heaven, with angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar. Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave. Holy, holy is the Lord.*

Songwriters: Brian Johnson/Phil Wickham/Bill Johnson/Chris Davenport  
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The Children's Message

The Offertory: You Are My All in All

Lloyd Larson

The Offering

\*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## *God Speaks to Us*

The Scripture: John 1:35-39 (p.1648)

The Sermon: **“WHAT DO YOU WANT?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

## *We Go in His Peace*

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859  
“Be Thou My Vision”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:  
“Festive Gloria”

Aaron David Miller

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist  
Katarina Woldt – euphonium  
SERVE Team Choir

Marlene Padding and Rachel Rynbrandt – Cross and Bible Bearers

**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 parament 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 live grateful lives.

## **Music at LaGrave**

Christian contemporary singer and songwriter Phil Wickham wrote *Hymn of Heaven* in early 2022 and it has quickly become very popular, having won a Dove Award in 2022 for the Worship Recorded Song of the Year. Written in a hymn-like style, both the song’s verses and chorus echo many passages in Revelation, recounting the vision of heaven. In the songwriter’s words, “The song is all about bringing

heaven to this moment, with the way we act, and the way we speak, and the way we live, letting Jesus be the King and his rule and his way taking over.”

Today’s chancel flowers are given in celebration of 65 years of marriage for **Tom and Mary Duthler** from their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**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, guest minister Rev. Bob Arbogast** will lead us in worship.

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