

June 4, 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:

“Psalm 1” (Genevan) Jaap Dragt
“Meditation” (That One Is Blest Who, Fearing God –
Psalm 1) Leo Sowerby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“This Is the Day” Albert P. Smith
This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Amen! Psalm 118:24

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 726

“The Lord Is King, Enthroned in Might”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Exodus 20:3; Mark 12:28b-30

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we are embarrassed to come before you and confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength. We have often forgotten you and seldom really loved or followed you! We have preferred our own ways to your ways. We have relied on our own strength and wisdom rather than yours. We confess that we have sinned against you. Christ, have mercy upon us. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: John 3:16-18a

The Declaration of Faith for Table Fellowship (11:00)

**Avery Verploegh
Ellisyn Verploegh**

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 742:1,2,5

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“O For a Closer Walk” Charles Villiers Stanford
O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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God Speaks to Us

The Prayer for Illumination: *See text on bookmark insert*

The Scripture: Psalm 1 (p.840)

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
PSALM 1”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Response: Worship & Rejoice 457:1,2,4

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
stanza 2 a cappella

God Feeds Us at His Table

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – *See Insert*

During the passing of the bread:

- Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart, wean it from sin, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.**
- Did you not bid us love you, God and King, love you with all our heart and strength and mind? I see the cross – there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek you, and O let me find!**
- Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart and altar, and your love the flame.** Lift Up Your Hearts 618:1,3,5

During the passing of the wine: please meditate as the organ plays

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 351

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The offerings for Benevolence and the General Fund will be collected during the closing hymn.
Please remain seated until the final verse of the hymn.*

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

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*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude

“Hallelujah, Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)”

Jan Zwart

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. James Borst – director

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

Judy Otte and Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

This evening, Rev. Jonker and Dr. Visser will lead a hymn sing based on the Psalms.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

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

When studying in The Netherlands in 1954, LaGrave member Dr. Howard Slenk became a friend of Dutch organist and composer Jaap Dragt (1930-2003). Dragt composed some organ pieces based on Genevan Psalm tunes and dedicated them to Howard, including Psalm 1 played in this morning’s prelude. Another Dutch organist, Jan Zwart, composed the postlude based on Psalm 150, which concludes with the Genevan tune heard on the full organ in a broad tempo.

The flowers on the chancel today are placed by **Marge Hoogeboom** in loving memory of her husband **Tom Hoogeboom**, who went to be with his Lord and Savior seven years ago today.

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.