

July 2, 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:

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

J. S. Bach

“I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

“Improvisation on Psalm 32” (LUYH 669)

Jonathan Tuuk

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain: *I will rise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Psalm of Praise: Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”

The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,

he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples in his faithfulness.

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 348

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

refrain after verse three only

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Merciful God”

arr. Craig Courtney

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near you; hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the cross they may cling to. Helpless I come, broken in sin, found at the feet of your mercy.

Father, forgive; may my sin be remembered no more. Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful through times we have failed you. Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful. Spirit of God, conquer our hearts, with love that flows from forgiveness. Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, oh, abounding in love, faithful to keep us from falling. Guiding our ways with your fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing. God speed the day struggles will end; faultless we'll gaze on your glory. Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

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The Offertory: “In Peace Let Us Pray to the Lord” Richard Purvis

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.

The Children's Message

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.**

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Psalm 32 (p.867)

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
THE GREAT COVER-UP”**

The Prayer of Confession

The Words of Assurance: from Psalm 32:5,11

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Celebration: **Worship & Rejoice 90:1-2,4-5**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Finale Jubilante”

Healey Willan

Chad Boorsma – minister

Rev. John Steigenga – liturgist

Jonathan Tuuk – organist

Ashley Grace Stephenson – vocalist

Linda and Dan Slotsema – 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.

The July special offering is for **Westminster Food Pantry**. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

There will be no evening worship service.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live