

July 23, 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:

“Aria in Classic Style
“Elegy”

Marcel Grandjany

Harold Darke; arr. Charles E. Peery

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Wait on The Lord”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Wait on the Lord, and keep his commandments, for he shall save them that trust in him. Wait on the Lord and sing ye his praises; the earth is full of his goodness. For God is our refuge and our help in trouble. We will not fear though the earth be removed. We will not fear. Wait on the Lord and ye shall find peace, for he shall give thee the water of life. Hope in the Lord and rest in his love, and he shall give thee the needs of thine heart. Wait on the Lord and rest in peace.

Psalm 37:34, 46:1,2; 37:4,7

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1,2,3,5
“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Exodus 20:1-17

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you have chosen us to be your people and called us to live by your law. We confess that too often we have let the world's way become our way. We confess, Lord, that we know your truth yet fail to live it. We know your will and fail to do it. Forgive us for our shortsighted living that focuses on earthly things to the neglect of the eternal. Forgive us, Lord and give us the conviction to turn our hearts to you, and the courage to follow where you lead. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 8:1-4

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 737:1,3,4
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
stanza 3 a cappella

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Professions of Faith

**Aubrey Bour
Sarah Bour
Leo Christner
Mara Konyndyk
Alex Roberts**

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 693
“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law” James H. Rogers
Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them. I have longed for thy salvation O Lord, and thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalm 119:165,174-176

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Peter Mathews

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

*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

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 111-112 (p.952)
see insert

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
PSALM 112”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 746
“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Chorale Fantasy on Psalm 98”

(Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God)

Wim Magré

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Beth Wooster Colpean – harpist

Aaron Polet – vocalist

Marlene Padding & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers

Beth Wooster Colpean is an active orchestral harpist. Since 2000, she has been Principal Harp with the Grand Rapids Symphony, as well as the Baroque on Beaver (Beaver Island, MI). Beth will play the Mozart Flute and Harp Concerto this October with the GR Symphony.

Aaron Polet is a choral teacher at Spring Lake Middle and High Schools and sings in the Calvin Alumni Choir. He recently traveled to Italy with Calvin's choirs where he sang and conducted at St. Mark's Basilica and the Vatican. We welcome these gifted musicians 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 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

Both this morning's introit and anthem are paraphrases of Psalms which speak of the peace that comes from loving and keeping God's law. While the introit sets texts from Psalm 37 and 46 to a melody by Mozart, the anthem quotes four verses from Psalm 119 set to music by James Hotchkiss Rogers (1857-1940) who was an organist and a prolific American composer of over 550 works, including anthems, songs, and organ pieces for the church. He also taught at the respected Cleveland School of Music.

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.

This evening, Rev. Jonker will lead us in worship. He will give us meditations on the parable of the prodigal son.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live