

July 9, 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:

“Prélude from Cello Suite No. 3”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Molly Ijames

“Come, You Disconsolate”

Kurt Kaiser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“We Are People on a Journey”

Gregg DeMey

*We are people on a journey, following where the Master walks. We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross. What compels? The face of Jesus! Who protects? Our faithful guide: he who treads the road of service, Christ the Lord, the crucified.*

*We are people on a journey, rising up in life reborn. We are people on a journey, speaking peace, accepting scorn. We are walking toward a homeland, to a mystery yet unknown; to a kingdom coming quickly, to the light of God's own throne.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 405

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Mark 11:20-24

The Prayer of Confession:

*begins by singing:*

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict,  
many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O  
Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Father, we do come to you this morning confessing our fears and doubts. You are the all-powerful God, the one who can do all things, yet too often our faith is weak, our prayers lack conviction, and we fail to trust your provision.

**Strengthen us, O God, by your mercy and grace.**

**According to your great compassion, blot out the stain of our sin.**

**In Jesus, our Savior's name we pray, Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:10-12

\*The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,2,5

“O Come My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

### We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

*The Pastoral Prayer will include this response based on Psalm 89:8*

Leader: You, Lord are mighty

People: **and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

The Anthem:

“Trust in the Lord”

James Brighton

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding.*

*And in all your ways seek the Lord, and the Lord will guide your paths.*

*Be not wise in your own eyes but fear the Lord and turn from evil. And the Lord will keep you safe and strong all the days of your life.*

Based on Proverbs 3:5-8

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The Offertory: “How Firm a Foundation”

Molly Ijames

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

### God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (p.35)

The Sermon: “GOING ALL IN”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### We Go in His Peace

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 407

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Folger Zwaving

Dr. John Rottman – guest minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Christina Leigh Stephenson – cellist

Carlos Lemagne – vocalist

Joellah & Joel Bouwman – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Carlos Lemagne**, originally from Jaguey Grande, Cuba, has degrees from Calvin University in Business-Marketing and Music, and is currently Program Coordinator and Administrative Assistant at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Welcome, Carlos, 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**

James Brighton's simple anthem of trust titled *Trust in the Lord* was written for children and youth to grasp and plant in their hearts powerful truths that will remain with them throughout their lives. Brighton penned the paraphrased text from Proverbs 3:5-8, a text commonly learned by young children, but equally applicable for all children of God. This anthem is published by Choristers Guild, the leading national organization that supports the music and spiritual growth of children and youth through musical publications, events, workshops, and webinars.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Janice Doornbos** in loving memory of her husband, **Clarence Doornbos**, who went to glory on 7/15/2017. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain," Philippians 1:21.

**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. Kathy Smith** will lead us in worship. Her message, based on Romans 14:1-12, is titled "From Exclusion to Embrace."

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