

August 13, 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:

“Andantino”

César Franck

“By the Rivers of Babylon We Sat in Sorrow” (Psalm 137)

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Be Not Afraid”

Taylor Davis

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name. My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep over. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child, you are so precious to me.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

All who are able are invited to sing the descant on verse 4

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:16-17

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins

and seek your mercy,

for we have done evil instead of what is right in your eyes.

Forgive us for the times we have failed to seek justice,

to help the oppressed,

or to take up the cause of those in need.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and grant us a willing spirit to follow your ways.

In Jesus, our Savior's name, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: based on Isaiah 1:18

*The Hymn of Celebration: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,4,5,7

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

Crew Ender Carson, son of Seth and Katie Carson

Prayer Partner: Jane Kerkstra

Children are invited to come forward for the baptism, and leave during the song of response

The Blessing

The Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 543:1,3

“Now Thank We All Our God”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“By the Waters of Babylon”

Antonin Dvorak

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat us down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Zion. As for our harps, we hanged them up on the willow trees. For they that had brought us to misery asked of us a joyful song, yea, they did speak to us with mocking words: “Sing us now, sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How can we sing to you; how can we sing our glad songs in a strange land? Jerusalem! If I should forget thee, O, Jerusalem! Then, let my right hand forget her cunning.

Psalm 137

The Offering

The Offertory:

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Eric H. Thiman

He died that we may be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

*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 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 58 (p. 893)

The Sermon: “**PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:**

PSALM 58”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 177:1,2,4
“Oh, to See the Dawn”
All who are able are invited to sing the descant on verse 4

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Toccatà on Psalm 146” Jan Zwart

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Patrick Kuras and Mary Tuuk Kuras – vocalists
Rachel Rynbrandt and Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, is a time of spiritual growth. The banners are hung in the diptych form but instead of being attached together they are side by side yet separated. Both the banners and paraments reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God’s word.

Music at LaGrave

Czech composer Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) composed ten *Biblical Songs* in 1894 while residing in New York City. A close conductor friend had passed away, and Dvořák’s father died two days after the final song was composed. All ten songs are based on the Psalms. Though composed using the Czech Language Bible, they have all been translated into English and were orchestrated from the original piano accompaniments. This morning we hear a duet version of the seventh song based on Psalm 137.

The August special offering is for Home Repair Services.

They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

This evening, seminarian and LaGrave member **Grant Mensonides** will lead our service. He is preaching from Psalm 90 and his sermon is entitled "Waiting at the Table."

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live