

August 27, 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:

“Trio and Chorale on Psalm 116” Wim van der Panne
(I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice)
“Variations and Chorale on Psalm 116” Willem Hendrik Zwart

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Heart Worships” Gustav T. Holst
Silence in heaven, silence on earth, silence within! Thy hush, O Lord, o'er all the world covers the din. I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind, and yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind. Only I need and kneel again thy touch to win; silence in heaven, silence on earth, silence within!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 559
“Ten Thousand Reasons”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Celebrate God's Covenant Faithfulness

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism

Josie James Bonzo, daughter of Matthias & Brooke Bonzo
Prayer Partner: Erin Alley

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 796:1, 797:1
(*the tune for both hymns is the same; sing versus consecutively*)
“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
“Sing! A New Creation”

The Table Fellowship
Samuel Horton

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 796:2, 797:2
(*the tune for both hymns is the same; sing versus consecutively*)
“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
“Sing! A New Creation”

The Professions of Faith
Grace de Waal Malefyt
Jake Versluis
Molly Versluis
Grace Walcott
Ella Walcott
Jack Walsh

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 179:2,4
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:
“I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” Antonin Dvořák
I will sing new songs of gladness; I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol thee, and will bless thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy; who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of thy great kindness, and of thy wondrous might, and my voice shall claim aloud thy glory. Psalm 144:9, Psalm 145:1-3,5-6

The Offering

The Offertory:
“I Love to Tell the Story” Charles Ore

*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 40:1-10 (p. 877)

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
PSALM 40”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 770
“In Christ Alone”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“O Christians, Haste”

Mark Sedio

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Pastor Bob Grussing – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Scott Bosscher – vocalist

Dee and Perry DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers

This Sunday is the last Sunday Pastor Bob Grussing will be our liturgist. Bob has served our church as Youth Minister for more than 38 years. Over that time, he has led hundreds of youth group meetings, attended thousands of pastoral breakfasts, listened to countless anxious stories, attended innumerable sporting events and concerts, shepherded hundreds through baptisms and professions of faith, and given himself wholeheartedly to the formation of our youth. On Tuesday September 5, there will be a banquet celebrating Bob's ministry. Not everyone will be able to attend that banquet, so this morning after the service we have an additional opportunity to say thank you to Bob in the MPR. Cookies will be served, Bob will be there, and we will give thanks.

Scott Bosscher, a son of the LaGrave congregation, is currently Choir Director at Mayflower Congregational Church, Director of the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, and a vocal instructor at Grand Rapids Community College and Calvin University. We welcome Scott to worship this morning.

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:

Two weeks ago, we heard one of Czech composer Antonin Dvořák's ten *Biblical Songs* which he wrote while living in New York City. Today we hear another *Biblical Song*, this one based on Psalm 144:9 and Psalm 145:1-3, 5-6. A jubilant song of praise and proclamation of God's goodness, mercy, and power, this song includes accompanimental echo

passages in the introduction and interludes between stanzas. The climax appears near the conclusion where the vocalist sings the topmost note, after which the piece ends quietly and in a state of repose.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Matt and Deb Vogel** in loving memory of **Al and Eleanor Vogel**.

The August special offering is for **Home Repair Services**. They offer educational and repair services for vulnerable Kent County homeowners.

This evening, Rev. Jonker will lead us in worship and will preach on Mark 2:18-22.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live