

August 6, 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:

"Song without Words No. 22"

Felix Mendelssohn

"Gaelic Morning" (Morning Has Broken)

Dan Forrest

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Duane Funderburk

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Creation Sings! Each Plant and Tree"

Creation sings! Each plant and tree, each bird and beast in harmony; the brightest star, the smallest cell, God's tender care and glory tell. From ocean depths to mountain peaks, in praise of God, creation speaks!

Creation groans to see the day that ends all bondage, all decay.

Frustrated now, it must await the Lord who comes to recreate, till round the universe there rings the song God's new creation sings!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 6

"Praise the Lord, Sing Alleluia"

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach Our God

The Call to Confession: Genesis 2:5-9, 15

The Prayer of Confession:

Creator God,

**you formed your creation with purpose and proximity--
channeling underground streams to irrigate the garden;
watching plants bloom and flowers bud.**

And then you formed humans--

**filling our lungs with your breath calling us to walk with
you and to tend your creation.**

**Forgive us when we treat the gift of this earth less as
stewards and more as consumers.**

**When we learn better ways to tend creation together,
help us to practice them, for together we long for Christ's
return and the restoration of the creation he loved into
being. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Revelation 21:1-4

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 17

"Beautiful Savior"

verse three sung a cappella

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism:

Jacob Bruce VanWingerden, son of

Tim and Rachel VanWingerden

Prayer Partners: Aaron and Jana Eding

*Children are invited to come forward for the baptism,
and leave during the baptismal hymn*

The Blessing

The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,2

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Michael Burkhardt

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise; let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land by every tongue. Eternal are your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends your Word; your praise shall sound from shore to shore till sun shall rise and set no more.

Let every creature rise and bring praise and thanksgiving to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen. All praise to God Creator be, all praise, eternal Son, to thee; whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forever more.

The Offering

The Offertory:

"This Is My Father's World"

Duane Funderburk

*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 104 (p. 940)

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

PSALM 104"

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 21
“This Is My Father’s World”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

C. Hubert H. Parry
“... the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules
over all.”

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Elise Greidanus – violinist
Calvin Aupperlee – vocalist

Chad Boorsma and Rene Baatenburg – Cross and Bible Bearers

Calvin Aupperlee, a recent graduate of Calvin Christian High School, will be a freshman this fall at Michigan State University double majoring in music education and vocal performance. He studied trombone throughout high school and is a member at Sherman Street CRC. We welcome Calvin 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

Michael Burkhardt’s solo voice anthem *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* is an energetic and vivacious dance-like setting using mixed meter, shifting from 2/4 to 5/8 to 6/8 meter. The doxological text calls every creature to praise the Creator-Redeemer’s name. In the middle section, the final verse of the hymn *Jesus Shall Reign*, penned by Isaac Watts,

is heard, after which the dance-like section returns to conclude the piece in a burst of joy.

The flowers on the chancel are given by **Elaine DeStigter, Patti Gardner, and Kim DeStigter** in memory of **Mel DeStigter** who passed away on August 7, 2003. Mel was a beloved husband, father, step-father, grandfather and friend. “I will sing of the love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.” Psalm 89:1

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 preach a sermon titles “As You Look Forward to the Day of God” based on 2 Peter 3:1-13. The sacrament of holy communion will be celebrated.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live