

September 3, 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:

“Laudate Dominum, Psalm 150” (Praise the Lord)

Sietze de Vries

“Fantasy on the Genevan Psalm 150”

Gerhard Krapf

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Ever-Flowing Streams of Praise”

Ever-flowing streams of praise earth and heaven together raise: countless creatures' psalms and hymns sing praise to God forever.

Through the world the song goes on telling what the Lord has done: deeds of justice, truth, and love sing praise to God forever.

Night and day, in every place, name with awe this God of grace: may our words and deeds enfleshed sing praise to God forever.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 566

“Give Praise to Our God”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: based on John 4:23-24

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, for the times we have been distracted and have failed to fully engage with you in worship,
show us your mercy.

For the times we have been motivated by our own desires rather than our love for you and our gratitude for what you have done,
we seek your grace.

Redirect our hearts and minds, O God, that you would be first in our lives and in our worship.

Sing together:

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true. In your presence let me stay; by your Spirit show the way. Your salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

LUYH 623:2

*The Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 103:1-4

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.

*The Song of Celebration: Worship & Rejoice 95:1-2

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer will include this response from Psalm 145:9

Leader: You, Lord, are good;

People: you show compassion on all you have made.

The Anthem:

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

arr. Lloyd Larson

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you

send, at blessings without number and mercies without end; we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still. To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise!

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The Offering

The Offertory:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Jacques Berthier

*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 150 (p. 877)

The Sermon: **“PSALMS FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
PSALM 150”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 7
“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Toccata on Old Hundredth”
(Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow)

Robert Hebble

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Becky Rhoda – vocalist

Avery and Nolan Walcott – Cross and Bible Bearers

There is no evening service because of the holiday weekend.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live

Music at LaGrave:

Both the organ prelude pieces—based on the Genevan 150th Psalm tune—were commissioned by Dordt University. The first piece was commissioned for Dordt’s Jubilee Celebration in 2004-05 and was composed by Dutch organist Sietze de Vries (b. 1973) for the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Dordt Casavant organ housed in B.J. Haan Auditorium. The second piece was commissioned for the 1979 installation and dedication of Dordt’s organ and was composed by Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008), an organist and professor of German descent who also worked in America and Canada. Krapf, who was teaching at the University of Iowa at the time, was an acquaintance of Dordt organ professor Dr. Joan Ringerwole. The words from Psalm 150: 1&4 are inscribed in large lettering on the Dordt organ façade.

The September special offering is for **Exalta Health.**

Exalta Health provides medical, vision, dental, behavioral and spiritual care services with fees based on household income and number of members supported by that income. Unemployment, lack of insurance or other financial factors are not barriers for service.