

October 15, 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 8:40 & 11:00 AM
Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Chorale”

Ola Gjeilo

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Lisa Nelson

“Home”

Ola Gjeilo

“The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (8:40)

Wilfred G. Clelland

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

“O Lord, You Are My Light” (11:00)

O Lord, you are my light and my salvation near: then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear? While God my strength, my life sustains, secure from fear my soul remains.

Uplifted on a rock above my foes around, amid the battle shock my song shall still resound. Then joyful offerings I will bring; the Lord God’s praise my heart shall sing.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 575

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Hebrews 12:1-2a

The Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we confess that too often we have taken our eyes off you and have allowed our faith to grow weak.

Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For the times we have failed to engage with you in worship, prayer, and in your Word...

Against you have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

For the times we have allowed fear and doubt to overtake our trust in you...

Cleanse me, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Lord, empower us to lift our eyes to you, the One who is our help at all times.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The Words of Assurance: Based on Hebrews 12:2b-3

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 690:1-3

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

The Celebration of Baptism (8:40)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Nellie Barbara Baumann**, son of

Alex and Megan Baumann

Prayer Partner: Dee DeKryger

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 897:1-2

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message (11:00)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Trumpet March” (8:40)

Jeremiah Clarke, arr. David L. Sanders

“I Am Not My Own” (11:00)

Craig Courtney

I am not my own, not in body, nor in soul, in life, nor even death. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. For my salvation all things worth together, in eternal life he gives me hope. By the power of his Holy Spirit, I will live for him. I am not my own, I belong to him, in life, in death, my only comfort, I will live for him. Forever and ever, forevermore.

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The Offering

The Offertory:

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Charles Callahan

*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 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (p.1776)

The Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—

body and soul, in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Sermon: **“I WAS JUST WONDERING...HOW DO I KNOW MY FAITH IS MY OWN?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn
see insert

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
"Voluntary No. 1"

William Boyce

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Greg Alley – trumpeter
Perrin Rynders – timpanist
Bells Gloria, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Linda and Dan Slotsema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Greg Alley, a former touring member of the King's Brass, is currently trumpet instructor at Calvin University, Hope College, and Cornerstone University. He and his wife Deb are regular LaGrave attenders.

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

The anthem *I Am Not My Own* was commissioned in 2015 for Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina, Minnesota to celebrate and honor the 30 years of ministry by the church's minister of music. The text, written by Hope College graduate Susan Bentall Boersma, is based on the first question and answer of the Heidelberg Catechism. Trumpet and timpani add to the power of the piece, which concludes with a series of repeated pitches on the words "forever and ever," a reminder that we belong to our faithful Savior for eternity.

The October special offering is for **Roosevelt Park Ministries**. Roosevelt Park Ministries is a separate non-profit organization originally established by Deacons of Roosevelt Park Community CRC in conjunction with World Renew and which provides various community services and

support programs for families, individuals and youth in Roosevelt Park Community and surrounding areas.

This evening is our annual Service of Remembrance. It will be an opportunity to remember the loved ones we've lost over the years. We will commit them into God's hands together. Reverend Jonker will preach.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live