

October 29, 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:

“Fantasy on Luther’s Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”

“Christ for the World! We Sing”
Jan Zwart
Healey Willan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“One People, Here, We Gather”

One people, here, we gather; one gospel here uplifts a Pentecost of nations, varieties of gifts. When Babel tongues confound us or differences divide, we break one loaf together of Christ the crucified.

One Spirit sends us onward in witness to the earth, as ministers of justice and midwives for rebirth: to lead the church with courage on ventures new begun, reformed yet still reforming, till God’s whole will is done.

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 561***

“Christ for the World! We Sing”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: 1 Peter 3:15-16

The Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, as your children we desire to be holy and set apart for the work of sharing the good news. In a culture full of people telling us what we need, we have the honor of telling people about the love of Jesus. When our speech is harsh, grant us gentleness. When our speech is dismissive, grant us respect. In your mercy, give us wisdom to be able to give an answer for the blessed hope we have in you. For the sake of your kingdom we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: John 15:16

*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Worship & Rejoice 580***

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

The Celebration of Baptism (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Wyatt Douglas VanEerden**, son of
Doug and Alexandra VanEerden
Prayer Partner: Jane Sharda

The Baptism of **Hendrik Scott Heeringa**, son of
Lee and Erin Heeringa
Prayer Partner: Emily Redder

*The Hymn of Response: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 863:1-3,6***

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Lord, Here Am I” (8:40)

Jay Althouse

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me and I’ll find thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me. What is my labor and where shall it be? Master, thou callest and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

Lord, I will follow, if thou will but lead. Only support me with grace in my need. Pardon whenever I turn from the right. Help me and bring me again to the light. Master, thou callest and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

“I Can Tell the World” (11:00)

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

I can tell the world, yes, about this, I can tell the nations, yes, that I’m blessed. Tell ‘em what my Lord has done, tell ‘em the Conqueror has come, and he brought joy, joy, joy to my soul. My Lord done just what he said, yes, he did, oh Lord, yes, he did. He healed the sick and he raised the dead, yes, he did, oh Lord, yes, he did. He lifted me when I was down, yes, he did, oh Lord, yes, he did. He placed my feet on solid ground, yes, he did, oh Lord, yes, he did. And he brought joy that mornin’, joy, hallelujah! Oh Lord, he brought joy that mornin’, joy, when he saved me. Joy, that mornin’, joy, when he blessed me. Joy, I’ll tell it, joy, how he brought this joy to my soul.

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Here I Am, Lord” (8:40)

Joshua Evanovich

“Here I Am, Lord” (11:00)

Janet Linker

*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 9:19-23 (p.1780)

The Sermon: **“I WAS JUST WONDERING...HOW DO I SHARE MY FAITH IN AN INFLUENCING CULTURE?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 869
“Here I Am, Lord”

*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 on *Go to the World*” Charles Callahan

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Erin Alley – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Jason Reiffer – vocalist (8:40)
Melissa Reiffer – violinist (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Jake and Molly Versluis – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Ellie and Becca VandeGriend – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave (11:00)

Up until his untimely death in 2003 at age 45, American composer and arranger Moses Hogan was one of the preeminent arrangers of African-American spirituals. *I Can Tell the World* is an energetic and rhythmic outburst of elation, telling all people and nations of the joy and blessings that come from serving a faithful God. In the middle section, the men and women sing antiphonally – the men proclaiming God’s healing acts and the women answering, “Yes, he did.” As the rhythm slows at the final measures, the highest pitch of the piece is heard, followed by a rich, ten-voice final chord.

The flowers on the chancel today are presented in loving memory of **Judy DeJong**, mother of **Andrew DeJong and grandmother of Elizabeth and Maren DeJong**, on the anniversary of her passing.

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 Reverend Jonker will preach on Luke 5:27-33.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live