

October 8, 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:

“Cantabile Symphonique” (Adagio from Symphony No. 3)
Camille Saint-Saëns; arr. Virgil Fox

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come to the Savior Now” (8:40)
Come to the Savior now, he gently calls to you; in true repentance bow, let him your heart renew. Christ came that you may know salvation, peace, and love, true joy on earth below, a home in heaven above.

Come to the Savior, all, whatever your burdens be; hear now his loving call, “Cast all your care on me.” Come, and for every grief, in Jesus you will find a sure and safe relief, a loving friend and kind.

“Sing a New Song” (11:00) Douglas E. Wagner
I will sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praise from the ends of the earth. I will sing to the Lord a new song. Alleluia, alleluia, sing, sing a new song. Alleluia!

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,3,5
“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Ephesians 4:17-24

The Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father,
You have made us for connection with you and coherence in what we believe, think, feel, and do.
When we stumble into patterns of sinful desire or act against our Spirit-spoken convictions,
we see how incapable we are of putting off our old selves.
We experience distance in our relationship with you, a distance only you can close. Deliver us from despair when we consider our sin apart from the One who went to the cross. Deliver us from the opposite danger of cheapening your grace. Remake us in the righteousness and holiness of Christ. In his name we pray, amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-16

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 682
“Before the Throne of God Above”

The Celebration of Baptism (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Nelson Jerome Miedema**, son of
Tyler & Sarah Miedema
Prayer Partner: Mary Wieland

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859:1,2,4
“Be Thou My Vision”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Ne Irascaris, Domine” (8:40) William Byrd
*Ne irascaris, Domine satis,
et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae.
Ecce, respice populus tuus omnes nos.*

(English translation)
Be not angry, O Lord,
and remember our iniquity no more.
Behold, look upon us,
for we are all your people.

“Bread of the World” (11:00) Dennis Eliot
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead; look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed!

Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father, fill up the cup and break the bread; O let us feel your loving power, O let us hear the words you said; “This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit, make it whole; remember me with food, the token; bread of the world, wine of the soul.”
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The Offering

The Offertory:

“It Is Well with My Soul” Raymond H. Haan
My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! —my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*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: Romans 8:1-13 (p.1754)

The Sermon: **“I WAS JUST WONDERING...HOW DO I DEAL WITH SIN?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Procesión Alegre”

Garry A. Cornell

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

7-12 Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Jess Hollenbach – accompanist

Chad Boorsma and Rene Baatenburg– Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Joel and Joellah Bouwman – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. Notice that the liturgical colors for Ordinary Time, blue and green, are now lighter and changing in color. Along with the addition of texture, they symbolize elements of growth and the passage of time. As we continue through this time, reflect on these concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life’s challenges and remain firm in our faith.

Music at LaGrave:

Our youth choir shares the anthem *Bread of the World*, a text by Reginald Heber (author of *Holy, Holy, Holy*) and a second verse by Gilbert Martin (composer of the popular anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*). The melody is borrowed from the American folk-tune Wayfaring Stranger. At the outset of the anthem, we are reminded that, in Christ’s death, our sins are also dead. Though the anthem is in a

minor key, the final measures of the piece convey hope through a change to the major key.

At an inaugural service, on Sunday, October 10, 1920 at LaGrave, Dr. Henry Beets delivered a sermon commissioning Dr. Lee Huizenga as foreign missionary of the CRC to China. LaGrave had called Dr. Huizenga as their missionary partner, and for 25 years faithfully pledged their financial and spiritual support. **The flowers on the chancel today** are given in loving memory and recognition of that day 103 years ago by the **Huizenga Family**. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness through all generations.

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 youths in Roosevelt Park Community and surrounding areas.

This evening, Chad Boorsma will be leading us in worship. We will meditate on Psalm 16 with the message “Eternal Optimism.”
Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live