

Thanksgiving Day

November 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. Because our worship proceeds without announcements, please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. An asterisk denotes standing for those who are able. We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

The Prelude:

“Overture from *Water Music*” G.F. Handel, arr. Michael Burkhardt

“Air from *Water Music*” G.F. Handel

“Come and Give Thanks” Larry Shackley

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, does provide for our needs to be supplied; come, with all his people come, raise the song of harvest home.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 543

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

The Reading: Psalm 100

The Meditation

The Anthem:

“O Be Joyful in the Lord” John Rutter

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and speak good of his

name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen, Amen!

Psalm 100

Thanks for the Good Gifts of Creation

The Bible Reading: Psalm 65:9-13

The Prayer

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 398

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Thanks for the Gift of Other People

The Bible Reading: Exodus 18:17-23

The Prayer

*The Hymn Concertato:

please rise at the conductor’s cue

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. James Biery

Brass Introduction

Verse 1: All in harmony

Verse 2: All women and girls

Verse 3: All men and boys

Verse 4: All in unison

Thanks for the Gift of Salvation

The Bible Reading: Romans 8:31-39

The Prayer

The Meditation

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 590:1,3,4,6,8

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Offering: Henry Beets Mission Society

The Offertory: “Rejoice, Give Thanks”

Roberta Bitgood

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 5

“Let All Things Now Living”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Festive Postlude on *Old 100th*”

Bruce A. Stevenson

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion, Erin Alley – liturgists
Dr. Larry Visser – organist
Brass Ensemble, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director
Greg Alley, Greg Wells – trumpet
Leah Bouwman – french horn
Pete Tigchelaar – trombone
Mark Lago – tuba
Perrin Rynders – timpani
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director
Joel Bouwman – First Fruits carrier
Joellah Bouwman and Jonathah Bouwman – Cross and Bible bearers

The **Thanksgiving Day offering** will be for the Henry Beets Mission Society (HBMS). HBMS is not part of the LaGrave budget, but is funded solely by your monetary support during its three annual special offerings, and through memorial and estate gifts. Increased missionary costs combined with decreased giving so far this year have created a great financial need. Thank you for supporting HBMS missionaries as they share the gospel both in this country and around the world.

Guest instrumentalists **Greg Alley**, adjunct professor or trumpet at Calvin University, Hope College and Cornerstone University. **Greg Wells** and **Mark Lago**, both music teachers at Northview Public Schools, join several of our LaGrave instrumentalists in providing the ministry of music. Musicians participating in this service receive honoraria from the **Sue Bos Muller Music Memorial Fund.**

