

November 5, 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:

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling; guard me lest idle speech may from my lips be falling; but when within my place I must and ought to speak, then to my words give grace lest I offend the weak.

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Richard Hudson, Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come Be the Light” (8:40)

Mark Patterson

Come be the light, come be the joy, come be the hope the world needs to know. Come be the voice of kindness and truth, sharing the peace of Christ wherever you go. Praise God with a song of gladness ringing out to the skies above. Lift your light and let it shine so the world may know God’s love.

Come be daring as you strive to love one another. Come be bold, and be courageous in God’s grace. With hands to serve and gifts to share, come show the world how Christ would care for all God’s people, everywhere.

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“Lord, Be Glorified” (11:00)

Bob Kilpatrick

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 755

“Speak, O Lord”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: from Exodus 20:1-17

The Prayer of Confession:

Merciful Father,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have ignored your holy laws

and have followed instead the desires of our own hearts.

O, Lord, have mercy upon us

for these sins and those we now silently confess to you...

Silent prayer concluded by singing:

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

free it from sin, through all its pulses move.

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,

and make me love you as I ought to love.

Worship & Rejoice 132:1

The Assurance of Pardon: Titus 2:14

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 334

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

stanza 3, men and boys

stanza 4, women and girls

stanza 5, all who are able, please sing descant

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Spirit Says Sing!” (8:40) Traditional Spirituals, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says, “Sing!” and obey the Spirit of the Lord. O ev’ry time I feel the Spirit movin’ in my heart, I will sing. I will sing, I will sing, I will sing! O I will sing!

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (11:00)

Eric Nelson

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf! His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ! Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame for joy! O leap and sing for joy!

The Moment for Stewardship

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Speak, O Lord”

Lloyd Larson

*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: Ephesians 4:29-5:4 (p.1819)

The Sermon: **“I WAS JUST WONDERING...IS IT EVER OKAY TO SWEAR?”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 356

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”

*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:

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”

Robert J. Powell, David Cherwien

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ethan Snapper – cellist

3-6 Choir, 7-12 Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Jess Hollenbach – accompanist (8:40)

4 years through 2nd Grade Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Dr. Rob Hobgood – accompanist (11:00)

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Avery and Noah Walcott – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Olivia and Celine Alcumbrack – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Ethan Snapper, grandson of Bruce and Barb Engbers, is a sophomore at Caledonia High School where he plays in the orchestra and is on student Council. Ethan is also a member of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony. We welcome him to worship this morning.

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

Ruth Elaine Schram's arrangement of *The Spirit Says Sing!* features two well-known African American spirituals: *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* and *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*. Each spiritual is heard independently, after which the two are superimposed, with the melody of *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* slightly altered as a descant. This energetic and rhythmic anthem is a testament to the Spirit's powerful work in our lives.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Ginger Penning**, in honor of her husband **Tom Penning's** birthday on Nov 6 which he will be celebrating in heaven.

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, who work in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help

rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

This evening we will have both a Koinonia Service (with an accompanying dinner) and a Hymn Sing beginning at 5:00pm! (PLEASE NOTE 5:00PM SERVICE TIME)

Rev. Jonker will lead the worship service and Dr. Visser will be at the organ as we sing some of our favorite hymns, chosen by you. After the service we will gather in the Multi-Purpose Room for a congregational dinner which will include a yummy dessert. We hope to see you there!

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live