

January 28, 2024

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:

“Largo and Allegro”

Archangelo Corelli; ed. Charles Callahan

“Aria on *Not What My Hands Have Done*”

Larry Visser

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Splendor of God's Glory Bright” (8:40)

O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light, O Light of light, the fountain spring, O Day, all days illumining.

Teach us to love with all our might; drive envy out, remove all spite; turn to the good each troubling care, and give us grace your name to bear.

All glory be to God Most High; to God the Son let praises rise; whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forevermore.

“Ten Thousand Reasons” (11:00)

Refrain: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain.)

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 540

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

verse 3 a cappella

verse 4, all who are able, please sing descant

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Matthew 7:24-27

The Prayer of Confession:

Prayer begins with singing, continues with brief silence, and concludes with prayer when led by the liturgist

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, O Take Me as I Am". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;". The second system has the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.". Chord symbols are written above the treble clef staff: D, G/D, Em/D A/D, D, G/B, Asus A for the first system, and G, A/G, D, Bm, Em, D, Asus A for the second system.

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Merciful Father, we hear your words, and they tell us how to live,

yet we often fail to follow them in word, thought, and deed, especially in our interactions with others.

For the times we have failed to recognize when to speak and when to be silent, **we seek your mercy.**

For the times we have failed to recognize when to act and when to be still, **we seek your grace.**

Grant us wisdom, O God, in knowing how to live according to your will. We ask this all in Jesus' merciful name. Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 4:9-11

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 679:1,3

“For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Prayer Litany” (8:40)

Helen Kemp, arr. Michael Kemp

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, day by day. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, and where there is despair, may I sow hope. Where there is darkness, let me sow light, and where there is sadness, may I sow joy. And, Lord, of thee three things I pray, to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. day by day. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day. Let me sow love, hope, light, joy!

“Lord, Who Knows My Heart” (11:00)

Daniel Burton

Lord, who sees my every thought, Lord, who hears my quiet need, Lord, who walks the path I travel, Lord, who knows my heart. When I stand and when I sit, he is always close at hand; every word upon my lips he will understand. Nowhere here in earth or heaven could I ever run away from the God that gently guides me to the day. If I take the morning's wings, soaring to a distant sea, there his loving hand will meet me: Lord, who knows my heart.

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: Matthew 18:15-19 (p.1530)

The Sermon: “**FORMED BY JESUS:**

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT”

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 871:1,2,4

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – *See Insert*

During the passing of the bread, we sing (8:40 & 11:00)

Lift Up Your Hearts 613

“Come to the Savior Now”

During the passing of the wine:

The Choir Sings the Communion Anthem: (8:40)

“Jesus Christ Our Strong Salvation” John Huss, arr. Clarence Dickinson

Jesus Christ our strong salvation, of the Church the sure foundation,

to thy table we draw near; grant us to know thy presence here. Praise the Father, God in heaven, who this heavenly food hath given, and for misdeeds we have done, gave to die his beloved Son. Here he gives his body broken, of his blood the wine is token; now the covenant renew that his wondrous love doth bring to view. Consecrated shall be thy labor, thou shalt truly love thy neighbor. So shall he, undoubting, see what thy Savior hath wrought in thee.

The Organ plays while we quietly meditate (11:00)

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 682

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Congregation rises on the final stanza of this hymn.

(The thank-offerings for the general fund & the benevolence fund will be received during this hymn.)

*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:

“Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light)”

Théodore Dubois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ruth Bylsma – flute

Alanna Rynders – oboe

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

K-2 Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoort – vocal soloist (11:00)

Julia Fletcher – accompanist (11:00)

3-6 Grade Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding & Carmen Day – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent. During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in our knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighborhoods and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

Music at LaGrave (8:40)

The prayers of two ancient Church saints are represented in

Helen and Michael Kemp’s anthem *Prayer Litany*: St. Francis of Assisi (d.1226) and St. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253), whose words are still relevant today. Helen Kemp (1918-2015) was America’s pre-eminent children’s choir teacher and director, and her son Michael is the arranger of her anthem sung this morning. A delightful oboe and piano accompaniment add to the beauty of the lyrical choral melodic lines.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of our dear mom, mother-in-law, sister and grandmother **Linda Nagel**. She entered into glory five years ago this month. ***The Nagel Family***

The January special offering is for **Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF)** which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs and maintenance for families who otherwise cannot afford a home.

This evening Reverend Manion will preach from 1 Peter 2:11-17.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live