

February 4, 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:

“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Albert Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“High Word of God, Eternal Light”

Based on a Sarum chant, 12<sup>th</sup> century

*High word of God, eternal light begotten of the Father's might, who camest a child, the world to aid, as years their downward course displayed.*

*Our hearts enlighten from above, and kindle with thine own true love; that, dead to earthly things, we may be filled with heavenly things today.*

*O may we not for willful sin the due rewards of evil win; but grant us, Lord, thy face to see, and heaven enjoy eternally.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 529:1,2,4  
“Gather Us In”

\*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 unison spoken prayer when led by the liturgist*

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Musical score for the hymn "Take, O Take Me as I Am". The score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The score includes guitar chords: D, G/D, Em/D, A/D, D, G/B, Asus, A, G, A/G, D, Bm, Em, D, Asus, A.

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**Gracious God, you take us as we are but you do not leave us that way. You have called us to look after our younger siblings in Christ. When we forget that our choices affect others, lift our gaze beyond ourselves. Holy Spirit, soften our hearts where they are hard, smooth them where they are rough. In your mercy, give us courage to accept what you are asking us to change. Give us gentleness and patience in our relationships, for the sake of living as the family of God, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 Timothy 1:14-16

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 649  
“I Call to You, My Rock”

### We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Moment for Missions – Youth Outdoors/Boy Scouts

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Day by Day” (8:40)

Martin How

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

“Jesus Paid It All” (11:00)

arr. Robert Sterling

*I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all”*

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

*For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim. I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb. (Refrain)*

*And when before the throne I stand in him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. (Refrain)*

The Offertory:

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

Charles Callahan

The Offering

\*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: Mark 9:42-50 (p.1573)

The Sermon: **“FORMED BY JESUS:  
RADICAL SURGERY”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

### We Respond with Praise

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 746  
“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“March Triomphale”

Théodore Dubois

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

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

Men’s Chorus, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Jude & Rhys Scholten – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40 & 11:00)

Bradley Buter & Wells Scholten - Moment for Missions (8:40 & 11:00)

Zander Elenbaas – Scripture reader (8:40&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 (11:00)**

Elvina Hall (1820-1889) penned the text of the hymn *Jesus Paid It All* from the choir loft of Monument Street Methodist Church of Baltimore while her minister’s sermon was going a bit long! Later, that same minister joined the words and music together, music written by the church organist and choir director, John Grape, a coal merchant who dabbled in music. In 1868, the hymn first appeared in a hymnal. This morning’s anthem is a beautiful arrangement of this old hymn for men’s voices.

**The February special offering** is for **The Bridge.** The Bridge is part of Arbor Circle, which offers emergency shelter for youths, and additional counseling for youths and their families.

**This evening** we welcome one of our missionaries to our pulpit. Tim Berends will lead our service and he will preach on the message of Ephesians 1-2.

Livestreaming worship is available at [lagrave.org/live](http://lagrave.org/live)