

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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:

“Just as I Am”

William B. Bradbury

“Little Grey Burro”

Melvin Stecher, Normal Horowitz, Claire Gordon

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. James Bastien

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

arr. Nancy & Randall Faber

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr. Nancy & Randall Faber

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Allan Small

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.

We bear the silence, cross, and pain of human burdens, human strife, while sisters, brothers help sustain our courage till the feast of life.

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 281***

“Lamb of God”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession:

Isaiah 53:6

“Come to the Savior Now”

**Come to the Savior now, all who have wandered far;
renew your solemn vow, for his by right you are;
come like poor, wandering sheep returning to his fold;
his arm will safely keep, his love will ne'er grow cold.**

The Prayer of Confession:

**O Lord, we are like sheep who have gone astray.
We have followed the ways of the world instead of your ways.
We have been guided by our own thoughts rather than by your wisdom.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
Forgive us for our wayward words and deeds and turn our hearts and minds back to you.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: based on Isaiah 53:3-5

Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

Though our sins are like scarlet,

they shall be white as snow;

though they are red as crimson,

they shall be like wool.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Anthem:

“The Gift of Love”

Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. O come, Spirit, come, let inward love, let love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

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The Children's Moment (8:40)

Clara Becksvoort – Grand Haven Christian

Elin Christner – Unity Christian

Ike Schaap – Northpointe Christian

The Children's Moment (11:00)

Charlotte Heeringa – Grandville Christian

Bethany Klop – Potter's House

Maddox & Collins Veldkamp – Grand Rapids Christian

Julia & Annika Plantinga – Ada Christian

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Bryce Inman

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: 2 Timothy 1:15-18, 4:9-13, 19-22 (p.1851)

The Sermon: **“MAN OF SORROWS: ONESIPHORUS,
WHO REFRESHED ME”**

The Anthem Response:

“I Will Lift Up My Voice”

Laura Farnell

Come into his presence with singing, and his courts with praise!

Refrain:

Come into his presence with singing, lift a song of praise. Let not my heart be silent on this new and glorious day! For my tears have turned into dancing. I am clothed with garments of joy! I will give thanks forever! I will lift up my voice!

Oh, sing for joy a new song! Let all the heavens be glad and all the earth rejoice. Let the seas roar, all the fields and all within them, all the trees and rocks cry out and sing a joyful song! Refrain.

Sorrow may abide for a time. Weeping may remain for a night, but joy cometh in the morning, and gladness returneth with the dawn! Oh, sing a joyous song! Refrain.

Alleluia!

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The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 177
“Oh, to See the Dawn”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Response

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Lift High the Cross”

John Eggert

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister
Rachel Thorne – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Mia Ackerman, Celine Alcumbrack, Preston Hollenbach, Ike Schaap, Audrey
Schaap, Norah Hollenbach, Joellah Bouwman – pianists
Calvin Christian Middle School Girls’ Choir,
Karel de Waal Malefyt and Sarah Horton – co-directors
Anna Marie Adema – accompanist
Linda and Dan Slotsema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Dee DeKryger and Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

We welcome to worship the **Girls’ Choir from Calvin Christian Middle School** under the direction of Karel de Waal Malefyt and Sarah Horton. LaGrave girls in the choir include Mia Ackerman, Evelyn Bolkema, Joellah Bouwman and Kacie Hollebeek. The choir, along with several LaGrave young pianists, offer their gifts this morning in celebration of Christian Education Sunday.

The liturgical season of Lent is the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The sackcloth permeated with ashes against the royal purple cloth symbolize the suffering and sorrow that Jesus the King bore for the sin in our broken world and our own lives. And it reminds us of our need for humble self-examination and sorrowful repentance before God.

Music at LaGrave:

The text of the anthem *I Will Lift up My Voice* references several verses from the Psalms: 100:4; 30:11-12; 95:1; 96:11-12; 30:5. This bright, rhythmic and energetic anthem is written using many mixed meters (time signatures), adding to the exuberance of the piece. The music softens and creates a contrasting mood at the words “Sorrow may abide for a

time, weeping may remain for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

The flowers on the Chancel today are in memory of **Gerald Steele**, remembered with love by **The Steele and Doezema Family.**

The March special offering is for **Mel Trotter Ministries.** Mel Trotter Ministries provides shelter for individuals and families with services including: meals, emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance, case management.

This evening, Chad Boorsma will preach the sermon "All Part of the Plan" as we meditate on Acts 2:22-36.

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live