

May 26, 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 10:00 AM

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

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:

“Psalm 42 (As a Deer in Want of Water)”

Johann Pachelbel, Johann Ludwig Krebs

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life”

The Lord, my shepherd, rules my life and gives me all I need; he leads me by refreshing streams; in pastures green I feed.

Though in a valley dark as death, no evil makes me fear; your shepherd's staff protects my way, for you are with me there.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 586:1,2,3,5

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Based on John 7:37-39; Acts 2:1, 2, 4;
1 Thessalonians 5:19

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

Later, after Jesus had ascended to God's right hand: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Later, Paul writes in one of his letters:

Do not quench the Spirit.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Thanks be to God!

The Anthem of Response:

“A Prayer for Humility”

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more.

Refrain:

Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.

When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again. (Refrain)

Amen.

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We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offertory:

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Michael Burkhardt

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.**

The Children's Message

God Speaks to Us

The Song of Illumination: Lift Up Your Hearts 762

“Ancient Words”

The Scripture: Psalm 42 (p. 879)

The Sermon: **“PREACH TO YOURSELF”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 772

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Michael Burkhardt

Chad Boorsma – minister
Rev. Stan Kruis – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director
Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers

Ordinary Time is the liturgical season from Pentecost to Advent. This season for spiritual growth is represented in the liturgical colors of blue and green. The banners and paraments reflect concepts from Psalm 1. Like trees firmly rooted by the stream, we strive to be firmly rooted in God’s word. By doing so, we find life, experience deep spiritual growth, and live grateful lives.

Music at LaGrave: Mark Patterson (b. 1969) is both author and composer of the gentle and introspective anthem *A Prayer for Humility*. A Music Director at a Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia, Patterson has composed over 200 choral anthems and has won several awards for his compositions for choir and piano. The anthem text asks God to fill us with the gift of humility as we seek to “praise, love, and serve him with listening ears and rejoicing spirits.” A simple, yet beautiful, piano accompaniment supports the choir and accentuates the poignant text.

The flowers on the chancel today are in loving memory of our husbands, **Marv Padding** and **Ellis Deters**, both having joined the heavenly choir 14 years ago today. With love from **Marlene Padding** and **Laurie Deters**.

The May special offering is for **Safe Haven Ministries**. Safe Haven Ministries is a shelter providing counseling, support groups, case management and legal advocacy for domestically abused women and children.

There is no evening service today due to the holiday weekend.