

May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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:

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Charles Ore, Ashley Grote
“I Love Your Church, O Lord” Flor Peeters
“The Church’s One Foundation” Michael Helman

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Mark Patterson
Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen! Oh, come and sing: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises ring: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend. His love shall never end! Alleluia! Amen!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246:1,3,4,5
“God Is Here”

*The Greeting – concluded by the minister saying:
“Christ is risen!”

*The People’s Response: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 1:21-25

The Prayer of Confession:

**Lord Jesus, Power and Wisdom of God,
we want to know, love, and serve you.
Yet a look into our own minds and hearts reminds us of
how little we know ourselves,
and how challenging it is for us to know you truly.
Forgive us for the foolish things we say, think, and do as we
look for you.
Renew our hearts and minds in your presence.
And thank you, Jesus, for being God-with-us in a form we
understand. In your name we pray, Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Matthew 11:4-6

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1-2
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Installation of Office-bearers

8:40: Elders: Tom Glover, Paul TenBrink
Deacons: Brad Schaap, Sam Schat

11:00: Elders: Jolene DeHeer, Bob DeJong, Susan Pastoor,
Deacons: Aaron Klop, Chad Medema, Jeff Plantinga,
Paul Speulstra

The Hymn of Response: Worship & Rejoice 149

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”
*on the second verse at the end of line 3, please sing “leaders”
rather than “pastors”*

The Children’s Message

The Choral Call to Prayer:

“Ask, Seek, and Knock” Daniel Barta
*Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and it will be
opened to you, ask and seek and knock.*

*If you seek first the kingdom and God’s righteousness, then the Lord will
provide everything you need.* Luke 11:9, 12:31 Copyright © 1996 Chorister Guild.
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The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (8:40) Sally DeFord
*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.*

Refrain: *I need thee, oh I need thee, every hour I need thee, oh bless me
now my Savior, I come to thee.*

*I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby. Temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh. (Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide, or life is
vain. I need thee every hour, most Holy one, oh make me thine indeed,
thou blessed Son. (Refrain)*

“Be Thou My Vision” (11:00) Alice Parker
*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save
that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or
sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my vision, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with
me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now
and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys. O
bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my
vision, O Ruler of all.*

The Offertory:

“Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart” Robert Elmore
Teach me to feel that you are always nigh, teach me the struggles of the soul to hear.

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: Acts 17:22-34 (p.776)

The Sermon: **“AN UNKNOWN GOD”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: **Worship & Rejoice 425**
“Christ Beside Me”

*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:
“Processional on *Westminster Abbey*” Sir David Willcocks

Rev. Scott Hoezee – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

Isabella Redder – violinist (8:40)

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

Jess Hollenbach – accompanist

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

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

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

The liturgical season of Easter is the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost. The white, gold, and crystals used in the paraments and banners reflect the glory of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, has won the victory over sin and death!

Music at LaGrave (8:40): Alice Parker, luminary American composer, arranger, conductor, teacher, and advocate for singing, died in 2023 at the age of 98. She visited LaGrave in the past and led an entire evening service of congregational singing. Her timeless arrangement of the ancient Irish hymn *Be Thou My Vision* employs harp and string accompaniment, easily adapted to our pipe organ. The 8th-century hymn text still speaks today of the near presence of our Lord at all times, “by day, by night, waking or sleeping.”

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.

This evening, our service will be at **5:30pm**, and it is a Graduate Recognition service honoring our high school seniors. The service will be followed by a meal in the Multipurpose Room with a slideshow presentation of our seniors. We hope you will join us for this special evening!

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live