

**June 2, 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:

“Variations on *How Firm a Foundation*”

Janet Linker

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Find Rest, My Soul, in God Alone”

arr. Rob Hobgood

*Find rest, my soul, in God alone; on him my hope depends. God is my fortress and my rock; salvation sure he sends. My aid and honor come from God, my refuge strong and sure. Let all God's servants trust the Lord; in him we are secure.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 926

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: 1 Thessalonians 5:7-8

The Sung Call to Confession:

“Don't Be Afraid”

Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, my love is strong-er than your  
fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is strong-er, and  
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

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The Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God, you call us to let faith, hope, and love blossom in our lives, evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in us. Especially when we are fearful, conflicted, grieved, or pained we need these anchors that speak to us of the kingdom you are forming-- a kingdom beyond our abilities or our imagining, but a kingdom you are patiently forming nevertheless. As we persevere in this life, cradle our anxious minds in the promise of salvation; protect our hearts in your love; lead our feet in faith-filled paths, all for your name's sake. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

The Sung Assurance: Lift Up Your Hearts 429

“Don't Be Afraid”

(see above)

***We Celebrate God's Promises***

The Vows for Profession of Faith

**Martin Postma**

The Prayer of Blessing

\*Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 897

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Behold Now, Praise the Lord”

Everett Titcomb

*Behold now, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.*

From Psalm 134

The Offertory:

“He Leadeth Me”

Charles Callahan, David Cherwien

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 Scripture: James 1:1-12 (p. 1879)

The Sermon: **“LESSON FROM AN OLD PRO”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

## *We Respond with Praise*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 427:1,3,4,5  
“How Firm a Foundation”

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Choral Benediction:

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, deep peace of Christ, the Light of the world, to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.*

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Epithalame”

Healey Willan

Dr. Reggie Smith – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director

Members of Bells Jubilate – handbells

Avery Walcott & Noah Walcott – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Dr. Reggie Smith** is the Ministry Consultant in Diversity at Thrive, a ministry of the CRC.

**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:** Everett Titcomb (1844-1968) was a prominent American organist, composer, and professor throughout his career on the east coast. *Behold Now, Praise the Lord*, one of his most beloved choral anthems, was published in 1938. The anthem, based on Psalm 134, is in three sections, an opening song of praise featuring a full organ accompaniment and choral singing, a quieter middle section, and a return of the opening material.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Marge Hoogeboom**, in loving memory of my husband **Tom Hoogeboom**, who the Lord blessed me with for 53 years of marriage.

**The June special offering** is for **Pine Rest Patient Assistance Fund:** Part of Pine Rest Foundation Fund offering financial assistance for individuals, families and children who need care.

**This evening**, we welcome Rev. Bob Arbogast, who will lead us in worship. His sermon is titled “Disciples” and he will use Luke 14:25-33 as his sermon text.