

June 16, 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:

“Prelude and Fugue in C Minor”

Felix Mendelssohn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Healey Willan, Robert Buckley Farlee

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“The Call”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: such a Truth, as ends all strife: such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast: such a Feast, as mends in length: such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move: such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 538:1,3,4

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Galatians 5:13-17

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good. Forgive us when we close our ears to your call. We mistreat those we love, and we dishonor you, the one who made us. We react without thought, we say hurtful words, and we withhold loving care. But you have called us to freedom, to a life of service and love. So we turn to the cross and seek your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-6; 5:22-23

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 687

“Father, Long Before Creation”

We Celebrate God's Promises in Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Lilliana Elizabeth Lock**, daughter of

Colton and Lauren Lock

The Baptism of **Louis Franklin VanEerden**, son of

Charles and Lindsey VanEerden

Prayer Partner: Ellie Vanderwell

The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 314:1,3

“Tell Your Children”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Eric H. Thiman

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast, but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek, to those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

The Offertory:

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Timothy Hoekman, arr. Larry Visser

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 755:1

“Speak, O Lord”

The Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20 (p.1506)

The Sermon: **“FULFILLING THE LAW”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 795

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Toccata in D Minor”

Gordon Balch Nevin

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Erin Alley – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Jason Coffey – vocalist

Chad Boorsma & Dee DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers

Baritone **Jason Coffey** is a West Michigan native. He has sung throughout the Great Lakes region as well as the East Coast. Currently he resides in Allendale and is a Choral Scholar at First Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. We welcome Jason to worship this morning.

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: The text of the hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* is attributed to the monk and mystic Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). Of this text, the Psalter Hymnal Handbook states, "Displaying a passionate devotion to Christ, the text provides a clear hint of its original use as a text for personal devotion. Its focus is entirely on Christ and his saving love, a love that gives hope, joy, and rest to believers, a love that excels any human love." English composer Eric Thiman's setting of this text is a staple in the repertoire of many vocal soloists.

The flowers on the chancel today are dedicated to **all the Children of LaGrave Church:** may each of you young ones (all ages apply!) seek Jesus and see Him daily in adventurous play, summer wonders and hammock style reading of great books. **Dan and Ann Van Eerden Families**

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, Chad Boorsma will preach, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. His sermon, based on 2 Samuel 9, will be "A Place at the King's Table."