

**June 23, 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:

“Galliard on *Gather Us In*”  
“Here I Am, Lord”

James Biery

Robert Buckley Farlee, Janet Linker

The Chiming of the Hour

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 693  
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: John 15:5-8

The Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God,**

For the times we have acted without love, have mercy on us.

**For the times we have reacted without thought, have mercy on us.**

For the times we have failed to forgive others, have mercy on us.

**For the times we have ignored those in need, have mercy on us.**

For the times we have been unkind and unfaithful, bearing bad fruit, have mercy on us.

**In this week, may we remain in you so that we may bear good fruit in your name. Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:1-2a,7-8

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 675:1,4,5  
“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

***God Commissions His Servants***

Leader: As we gather here today to worship God, this family of God wants to encourage and support you, the SERVE participants, as you begin a week of service in Christ's name. This week, you will be challenged to examine yourself through the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Congregation: **May we all examine what we fill our hearts and minds with each day.**

SERVE participants: Lord, may we be open to change that glorifies you. Give us the courage to remove things that are not pleasing in your sight and are not useful for building your kingdom.

Congregation: **We send you to serve with love and joy.**

SERVE Participants: We will serve one another in love. For the entire law of God is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Congregation: **We send you to serve with peace and patience.**

SERVE Participants: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Congregation: **We send you to serve with kindness and goodness.**

SERVE Participants: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Congregation: **We send you to serve with faithfulness and gentleness.**

SERVE Participants: Since God chose you to be holy, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Congregation: **We send you to serve with self-control.**

SERVE Participants: Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

Congregation: **Go and share the gospel with boldness and humility.**

SERVE Participants: We will proclaim God's name to all nations using words and deeds.

Leader: The church and community thank you for your willingness to serve and promise you our prayers and support. We commission you to go with the blessing of the fruit of the Spirit to make a difference in our community and throughout the world.

ALL: **AMEN.**

\*They Hymn of Dedication: Worship and Rejoice 391: 1,2,4,5  
“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Great Are You, Lord”

All Sons and Daughters

*You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness. You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken. Great are you, Lord.*

*It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to you only.*

*All the earth will shout your praise, our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are you, Lord.*

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The Offertory:

“Jesus Calls Us”

Richard Hudson, Raymond H, Haan

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: Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.1815)

The Message: **“GOD’S HANDIWORK”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

*We Go in His Peace*

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 869:1,3  
“Here I Am, Lord”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Gordon Young

Jolene DeHeer – speaker

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

SERVE Choir

Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Music at LaGrave:** Daniel Schutte (b. 1947) is a well-known American composer of contemporary hymns that originated in the Catholic traditional liturgy. Best known for the 1981 hymn *Here I Am, Lord*, Schutte has written over 160 other hymns, some of which have found their way into Protestant hymnals. The text of *Here I Am, Lord* paraphrases Isaiah 6:8-9, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us...Here I am. Send me!”

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Barb Verduin** in memory of her son, **Timothy Terry**, who died 3 years ago today. All who knew Tim miss him, his sensitive spirit and his boundless enthusiasm for God's creation.

**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 back Dr. Dan Kroeze who will share the message "When is Jesus Coming Back?" from Mark 13:32-37.

**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.