

**June 9, 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:

“Adagio, from Sonata No. 3”

Alexandre Guilmant

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Albert L. Travis

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

*Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich. Let the blind say I can see. It's what the Lord has done in me.*

*Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away. From the heaven's mercy stream of the Savior's love for me.*

*I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God. I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free.*

Refrain: *Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain. Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 521

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Philippians 2:1-4

The Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God,**

**we humbly confess our sins of pride and selfish ambition which have kept us from loving you and from loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, and in your loving-kindness, open our eyes to see the needs of those around us. Give us patience and open hearts as we strive to be a community that honors you in the things we say and do.**

**Amen.**

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Ephesians 2:4-6, 8

The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 797

“Sing! A New Creation”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. John A. Ferguson

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain: *Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Refrain.)*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.” (Refrain.)*

The Offertory:

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Charles Ore

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: Romans 6:1-11 (p.1751)

The Sermon: “**ALIVE TO GOD**”

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

***We Go in His Peace***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 802

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”  
*sing alternate text on second page*

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Toccata on *Amazing Grace*”

J. Christopher Pardini

Rev. Scott Hoezee – guest minister

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Jason Reiffer – vocalist

Sheryl VanEck & Albert Doorn – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Rev. Scott Hoezee** is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary.

**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:** *Jesus Loves Me* was authored by Anna Warner (1820-1915) for a novel by her writer sister, Susan. The two sisters were known for teaching Sunday School at West Point Military Academy. Swiss Theologian Karl Barth, when asked to summarize the essential truths of the Christian faith,

said, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” This profound, yet simple statement is heard in today’s anthem arranged by John Ferguson who spent much of his career teaching organ and church music at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in loving memory of **Ralph Ondersma** – our dear husband, father, and grandfather. **The Ondersma Family**

**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**, Rev. Henry Admiraal will lead us in worship. His sermon is titled "Hope in the Desert Times of Life."