

July 21, 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:

“Sonata in G Major”

Georg Philipp Telemann

“Sonata in E Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Like a River Glorious”

Paul S. Jones

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Will Be the Vine”

Liam Lawton

*I will be the vine and you will be the branches. All you who live in me will never die. I will be the sign. I will offer many chances, so live, oh, live in me and you shall have new life.*

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\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 581

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

### We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: 1 John 4:20-21

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.

**For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, who they have not seen.**

And he has given us this command:

**Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.**

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness: Based on 1 John 4:10-16

This is love: **not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us:

**He has given us the gift of his Holy Spirit.**

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God:

**God lives in them and they in God.**

And so we know and rely on this truth: **God is love.**

\*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 727

“Christians Hearts in Love United”

### We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Am the Vine”

Mark Patterson

*As Jesus spoke to his disciples, he said “Do not be afraid. I give you peace; through me the love of God abides in you each day. I am the vine, you are the branches, abide in me as I abide in you, and you will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The love of God will shine forth in you.”*

*“As the Father has loved me so have I loved you, remain in me and keep my commands. And this I command you: love one another that your joy may be full.”*

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The Offertory:

“I Am the Holy Vine”

Karl Osterland, Michael Burkhardt

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: John 15:1-11 (p. 1676)

The Sermon: **“PRUNING TOWARD ABIDING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

### We Respond with Praise

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 851

“I Am the Holy Vine”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Charles Ore, Alfred Fedak

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Rev. Dr. Mary S. Hulst – guest minister

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Rob Hobgood – organist

Carlos Lemagne – vocalist

Laura Muresan – flutist

Marlene Padding and Carmen Day – Cross and Bible Bearers

**Rev. Dr. Mary S. Hulst** has served as Calvin University's pastor since 2009. Prior to being at Calvin, she served as a congregational minister. She is the author of *A Little Handbook for Preachers*.

**Carlos Lemagne** is originally from Jaguey Grande, Cuba and has degrees in Business-Marketing and Music from Calvin University. Carlos formerly worked at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and is currently Convention Marketing and Editorial Manager at Experience Grand Rapids, the official Destination Marketing Organization for the city of Grand Rapids and Kent County. We welcome Carlos back to worship at LaGrave.

**Ordinary Time**, the longest liturgical season, is a time of spiritual growth. The banners are hung in the diptych form but instead of being attached together they are side by side yet separated. Both the banners and paraments reflect concepts from Isaiah 12:2-3. We come to know the Lord more deeply as our strength and our salvation. With joy we grow spiritually by being rooted in God's word.

**Music at LaGrave:**

The words of John 15:5-17 are paraphrased in Mark Patterson's anthem *I Am the Vine*. Lyrical melodic lines, key changes, and an obbligato flute part contribute to the anthem's beauty and expressiveness. Patterson is a nationally recognized composer, conductor, and teacher who is currently Director of Music at Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Virginia where he leads a comprehensive music program for all ages.

**The flowers** on the chancel today are given by **Janice Doornbos and family** in loving memory of **Clarence Doornbos**, husband, father, and grandfather, who entered his heavenly home on 7/15/2017. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain," Philippians 1:21.

**The July special offering** is for **Westminster Food Pantry**. The downtown food pantry provides an emergency supply of food and personal care items to people in need while also promoting self-sufficiency through referrals and education.

**This evening** we welcome **Rev. Duane Kelderman**. He will preach on Jeremiah 18:1-12 and the sermon title is "A Potter's World".