

July 7, 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 *Will You Come and Follow Me*”

Denis Bédard

“Thee We Adore, O Savior”

Anne Krentz Organ

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Let Us Strive to Be Like Our Savior”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Let us strive to be like our Savior, follow in his footsteps true, ever forth toward heaven marching, learning still more pure to be, standing fast in spirit free. Through his love all good bestowing! Blessed Savior, stand by me; lead thou on, I follow thee!

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 594:1,3,4

“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: Matthew 22:37-40

The Prayer of Confession

Silent prayer concluded by singing:

**In your hands I place my past;
all my sins you know so well.
Your forgiveness, Lord, I need,
for my guilt is great indeed;
even greater is your love –
mercy more than I can tell.**

LUYH 354:2:1

The Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:22-23

The Sung Response:

“Good Is the Lord and Full of Kind Compassion”

Vocalist sings:

1. *Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love; rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heavens above. His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name, for well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.*

Congregation sings:

2. **We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear; but evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.**

We Celebrate God's Promises

The Vows for Profession of Faith

Morgan Busscher

The Prayer for Blessing

*Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 451:1,2,3

“When Peace Like a River”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. Tom Trenney

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path and show me the way to the Father. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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The Offertory:

“He Leadeth Me”

Charles Callahan

“His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me”

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: Luke 9:57-62 (p. 1613)

The Message: **“FOLLOWING JESUS”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 344:1-3

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Michael Helman

“Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears”

Rev. David Bast – guest minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ruby Steigenga – vocalist

Norm Ball, Pat Burgess, Julia Hoekstra, Marilou Rieffer – handbells

Jess Hollenbach – accompanist

Dee DeKryger & Perry DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers

Rev. David Bast is a retired minister in the Reformed Church of America. He was the director of Words of Hope ministry, and in 2012 he served as an interim pastor here at LaGrave.

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: Tom Trenney is a young, gifted Minister of Music and Organist at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is becoming increasingly known for his composition and arranging work. His setting of *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* brings depth and dignity to a hymn that is already a classic in many churches. The word “child” and “light” in the title prepare you for the inspiration and the calling that is inherent in the hymn. Trenney builds his setting artistically, stretching “shine” into a prism of glorious sounds.

Ruby Steigenga is a student at the Universtiy of Florida with concentrations in music performance and international studies. She is a counselor at Camp Henry in Newago this summer and is the granddaughter of Rev. John and Judy Steigenga. We welcome Ruby to worship at LaGrave.

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.

There is no evening service due to the holiday weekend.