

**August 4, 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 in E Major”

Frank Bridge

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

George Shearing

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten-thousand charms.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 559

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

\*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

***We Humbly Approach God***

The Call to Confession: Romans 12:17-21

The Prayer of Confession

**Just and merciful God, you are wise, good, and the overflowing source of all good.**

**Especially when we taste your goodness, we lament all the more deeply the effects of sin in us and sin around us – a warping of the creation you made to be in free relationship with you.**

**Forgive us for heart-and-mindsets that oppose you.**

**Forgive us for actions that defy you.**

**Give us humble hearts and single minds as we trust and follow our Savior, in whose cross justice and mercy meet. In Jesus' name, amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:3-4, 7-8

\*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 348:1,3

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Refrain after verse 3 only*

***We Celebrate God's Promises in Baptism***

The Meaning of Baptism

The Vows

The Baptism of **Margot Lynnlee Mustert**, daughter of

Mitch & Alexa Mustert

Prayer Partner: Elaine DeStigter

The Hymn of Dedication: Lift Up Your Hearts 797:1,3

“Sing! A New Creation”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Terre Johnson

*Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!*

*Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.*

*Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Jesus, lover of my soul.*

The Offertory:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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: Joel 2:25 (p. 1421)

The Sermon: **“THE YEARS THE LOCUSTS HAVE EATEN”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

***We Respond with Praise***

\*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 691:1,2,4,5

“Amazing Grace”

\*The Benediction

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

\*The Organ Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Robert Hebble

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.

Dr. Stan Mast – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Calvin Aupperlee – vocalist

Dee & Perry DeKryger – Cross and Bible Bearers

Vocalist **Calvin Aupperlee** is a graduate of Calvin Christian High School, a member of Sherman Street CRC, and is currently a double major in Music Education and Vocal Performance at Michigan State University. We welcome Calvin to worship this morning.

**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:**

Terre Johnson (b. 1959) is a versatile musician who has served as a school teacher, college professor, conductor, choir leader, church musician, and composer. His beautiful arrangement of Charles Wesley’s hymn *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*, features a captivating piano accompaniment comprised of a steady triplet rhythm. Wesley penned over 6000 hymns; *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* came one year after his conversion. He may have written it recalling a turbulent and storm-filled transatlantic crossing a few years earlier, thus, the words “While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.”

#### **The August special offering is for Home Repair Services.**

Home Repair Services provides lower income families housing support, home repairs, financial counseling and home maintenance education and classes.

**This evening**, we welcome **Rev. Ruth Boven**. She will preach on Romans 13:8-14 and her sermon title will be “The Dawning Day.”