

September 29, 2024

Christian Education Sunday

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 8:40 & 11:00 AM

Please prepare your heart and mind for worship with a time of prayer and meditation.

God Calls Us to Worship

The Prelude:
(8:40)

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

“When Peace Like a River”

Philip P. Bliss

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Mark Nevin

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

arr. Mark Nevin

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone” Chris Tomlin & Louis Giglio

(11:00)

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

“He Leadeth Me”

William B. Bradbury

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Faber & Faber

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Mark Nevin

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

arr. Mark Nevin

“Oh, to See the Dawn (The Power of the Cross)”

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

*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: based on Matthew 7:1-5, 18:21-22

What does the Lord say about judging others?

Do not judge others or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged.

What does the Lord say about your sin and your neighbor's sin?

Do not look at the sawdust in your neighbor’s eye without first looking at the plank in your own eye. Take the plank out of your own eye and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your neighbor’s eye.

What does the Lord say about forgiving our neighbors?

Forgive not only seven times, but seventy-seven times.

The Prayer of Confession:

concluded by singing:

For I am mindful of my past transgressions; ever before me are my sins against you. So you speak justly when you give my sentence; right is your judgment.

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The Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 37:3-6

*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Worship & Rejoice 61***

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Bless His Holy Name”

Mark Shepperd

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, O my soul; bless his holy name.

Forget him not whose meekness still bears with all your sin, who heals your every weakness, renews your life within. (Refrain)

He offers all his treasure of truth and righteousness, his love beyond our measure, he pities our distress. (Refrain)

The Offertory:

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

Alec Rowley

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.**

God Speaks to Us

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 24: 1-22 (p. 455)

The Sermon: **“MOTIVE, MEANS, AND OPPORTUNITY”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 451***

“Be Still, My Soul”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

David Cherwien

Rev. Kristy Manion – minister

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Mia Ackerman, Izzy Elenbaas, Preston Hollenbach,

Norah Hollenbach, Abimael Diaz – pianists (8:40)

Briana Alonso – violinist (8:40)

Mia Ackerman, Celine Alcumbrack, Audrey Schaap, Preston Hollenbach, Norah

Hollenbach, Natalie Oosterhouse – pianists (11:00)

7-12 Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Bells Gloria, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

3-6 Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

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Celine Alcumbrack, Joellah Bouwman,

Analeigh VandenBerg, Izzy Elenbaas – readers (8:40)

Gavin Ponstein, Trent Ponstein, Zoey Veenstra – readers (11:00)
Jake Versluis & Molly Versluis – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Becca VandeGriend & Ellie VandeGriend – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Ordinary Time, the liturgical season of spiritual growth, continues until Advent. Notice the liturgical colors for Ordinary Time, blue and green, are now lighter and changing in color. Along with the addition of texture, they symbolize elements of growth and the passage of time. As we continue through this time, reflect on these concepts from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. We are encouraged to continue our growth in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience his grace. As we do, we will be prepared to face life's challenges and remain firm in our faith.

Music at LaGrave:

Several LaGrave children and youth share their musical gifts in the prelude this Christian Education Sunday. Many different styles are represented, from Bach's well-known *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* to arrangements of classic traditional hymns, an African-American spiritual, and a more recent contemporary hymn arrangement.

The flowers in the chancel today are in memory of Bob Wassenaar who passed away 5 years ago today, September 29, 2019. Our family gives God thanks for his life with us and his strong Christian faith.

The September special offering is for the **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Services include abstinence education, testing, prayer, consultation, information about pregnancy/birth control/adoption, and the distribution of food/formula/diapers/baby clothes.

This evening, Reverend Jonker will lead us in worship.