

**September 8, 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 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:

“Partita on *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*”

Charles Callahan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Gordon Young

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise: Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, by every tongue. Eternal are thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.*

\*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 571:1,2,3,5

“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

\*The Greeting

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

***We Experience God’s Grace***

The Call to Confession: Psalm 51:10-12

The Prayer of Confession:

We come to you today, Lord, individuals called into a family of faith by your kindness. In the quiet of this moment, we name before you the sins of our hearts, hands, and minds.  
*(A time of silence)*

Hear us as we confess.

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your loving-kindness, in your compassion, blot out my offenses. Thoroughly wash me from my evildoing; from my sin cleanse me.**

We also lament, Lord, the effects of our sin – sin we are born with; and sin both unwitting and willful that mars this world. Things here are not the way they’re supposed to be, and we know we have a part in that.

*(A time of silence)*

Hear us as we ask for help.

**Create a clean heart; make my spirit steadfast; take not your presence or your Spirit from me. Save and sustain me, that my tongue may tell forth your ways to sinners.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 1:6

\*The Hymn of Assurance: Lift Up Your Hearts 859:1,4

“Be Thou My Vision”

***We Respond with Thanksgiving***

The Children’s Moment

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“My Eternal King”

Jane M. Marshall

*My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.*

*Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!*

*E’en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing; Solely because thou art my God, and my eternal King!*

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***God Speaks to Us***

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1-22 (p. 426)

The Sermon: **“LOOKING FOR A KING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

\*The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 223:1,3

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

***We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and you were patient with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus**

**Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you for sending your Spirit, who renews our hearts, equips us for service, and shows us your will for our lives.

**We thank you for the church, a community of imperfect saints, redeemed by your Son and sanctified by your Spirit.**

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to worship the glory of your name.

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Words of Institution for the Bread

(followed by the distribution of the bread)

*During the passing of the bread, we sing (8:40 & 11:00)*

Lift Up Your Hearts 614: “Come, You Disconsolate”

The Words of Institution for the Wine

(followed by the distribution of the wine)

*During the passing of the wine, the choir sings:(8:40 & 11:00)*

“Taste and See”

James E. Moore

Refrain:

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Oh, taste and see the  
goodness of the Lord.*

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.*

(Refrain)

*Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name. I  
called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set  
free. (Refrain)*

*Worship the Lord, all you people. You’ll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.*

(Refrain)

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*(The thank-offerings for the General Fund & the Benevolence  
Fund will be received during this hymn.)*

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 840

“Behold the Lamb”

*congregation remains seated during offering,  
and rises on final stanza*

\*The Benediction

\*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

\*The Choral Amen

\*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

\*The Postlude:

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Percy Whitlock

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister  
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director

Chad Boorsma & Rene Baatenburg – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Ruby & Brad VanHaitsma – 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:** Jane Marshall (1924-2019) was a composer of church music, a hymn text writer and poet, and a professor at Perkins School of Theology. *My Eternal King*, one of Marshall’s most famous anthems, combines a translation of a 17<sup>th</sup>-century anonymous Latin text, lush choral harmonies, beautiful melodic lines, and a substantial organ accompaniment. The anthem builds and comes to a soaring climax at the conclusion where this powerful statement of faith is voiced: “E’en so I love thee... solely because thou art my God and my eternal King.”

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

**This evening**, Rev. Jonker will preach on Luke 18:9-14.