

October 13, 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:

“Triptych on *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (Psalm 23)”

Larry Visser

- I. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
- II. When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay.
- III. No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say” Bernadette Farrell, arr. R. Hobgood
I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to the house of God.” And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem! Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God’s justice be ever near.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 531

“God, You Call Us to This Place”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Titus 2: 11-13

The Prayer of Confession:

concluded by singing:

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

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The Assurance of Pardon: Titus 2:14

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 928:1,3

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

We Remember God’s Promises (11:00)

The Meaning of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows

The Baptism of **Jasmine Joy Johnson**, daughter of

Ken & Bea Johnson

Prayer Partners: Dick & Judy Eppinga

The Baptism of **Alexander Jordan Luth**, son of

Jordan & Deanne Luth

Prayer Partner: Jane Tol

The Baptism of **Iris Noel Spiering**, daughter of

Tyler & Jenna Spiering

Prayer Partner: Alisha Doezema

*Children are invited to come forward for the baptism,
and return to their seats during the baptismal hymn*

The Blessing

*The Baptismal Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 802:1,3

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message (8:40)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Wondrous Love” (8:40)

Carson P. Cooman

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul.

When I was sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

“What Manner of Love” (11:00)

Paul S. Jones

O Christ, what love is this that all your loved ones know: that brought you down from highest bliss to live in such a world as this, the Father’s will to do.

O Christ, what burdens these you bore on your own soul; our guilt, our judgment and God’s wrath: The Man of Sorrows died our death, and all to make us whole.

O Christ what dread reproach! The Holy One made sin, the King of kings with thorns is crowned, the Lord of heaven and earth disowned, and sinners welcomed in.

O Christ, what joy is this? The joy of sins forgiven, no condemnation now we have, nor dark despair beyond the grave, instead, the hope of heaven.

O Christ, what glory waits the objects of your love! No eye has seen nor ear has heard what God in his great grace prepared in that blest world above.

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The Offertory:

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Molly Ijames

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 31 (p. 465)

The Sermon: **“THE DEATH OF SAUL”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 682
“Before the Throne of God Above”

*The Benediction

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Choral Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:
“Choral Fantasy on *Psalm 98* (Sing, Sing a New Song
to the Lord God)” Wim Magré

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Chad Boorsma – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ruth Bylsma – flutist

Vocal Quartet, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano; Jess Hollenbach – alto

Jim Elzinga – tenor; Peter Redder – bass

Men’s Chorus, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Jason Reiffer – anthem soloist (11:00)

Sheryl VanEck & Rene Baatenburg – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Brad VanHaitsma & Albert Doom – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Baptism Parament, Bowl and Pitcher: The sacrament of Baptism is the sign of God’s covenant relationship with his people. Water is the sign and seal of this covenant. In the parament design is a cascading waterfall symbolizing the washing away of our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. A gold thread is woven in from top to bottom. It reminds us that God is the central focus of our lives and that he is with us from the beginning to the end of our lives and through all eternity. The light reflected in the crystals symbolizes the light of the Holy Spirit that guides us in every moment of our lives. The ceramic bowl and pitcher are designed to complement the parament and to continually serve as a reminder of the significance of the sacrament.

Music at LaGrave: *Triptych on My Shepherd Will Supply* *My Need* was composed last summer and was dedicated to LaGrave flutist Ruth Bylsma upon the occasion of her retirement from the Grand Rapids Symphony following an amazing fifty years of service. Each of the three movements evoke specific texts from the hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply*

My Need, a paraphrase of Psalm 23. The first movement mimics running, quiet waters, the slower second movement portrays the presence of God in dark valleys, and the third movement evokes the joy of a playful child at home with God.

The October special offering is for **As You Are (AYA)**. AYA is a downtown youth collective with focus on ages 14-24 experiencing housing crisis/homelessness, counseling and basic support resources. AYA owns 9 homes providing affordable transition shelter and assists 400+ annually.

This evening our service will be led by Rev. Yordanys Diaz. Yordanys is a member of our congregation; previously he was the pastor at the Havana (Cuba) Christian Reformed Church. There will be a special meal after the service.