

October 20, 2024

We Approach God with Penitence

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:

"Pastorale"

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Charles Callahan

Robert J. Powell

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (8:40)

Anna Laura Page

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
Saints on earth your rule acclaim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain; everlasting is your reign.

"Come Into His Presence" (11:00)

Anonymous

Come into his presence singing, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Come into his presence singing, "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

Come into his presence singing, "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 538

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

all sopranos are invited to sing the descant on verse 4

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Call to Confession: Mark 12:28-31

The Prayer of Confession:

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you.

Forgive us for the times we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We confess that we have been unfaithful in our covenant with one another.

Forgive us for the times we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another.

concluded by singing:

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.

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The Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6-8

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 366:1,2,4

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

"Spirit Dance" (8:40)

Michael J. Glasglow

"Psalm 150" (11:00)

Robert Benson

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord in his holy temple. Praise him in the firmament of his power! Praise him for his mighty acts. Praise him for his excellent greatness! Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn! Praise him with lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipe, praise him with resounding cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

The Offertory:

"Lord of the Dance"

19th Century Shaker Tune, arr. Lloyd Larson

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: 2 Samuel 6:1-15 (p. 475)

The Sermon: **"DAVID, UZZAH, AND THE ARK OF THE LORD"**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice 118:1,3,4,5

"Lord of the Dance"

*The Benediction

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

*The Organ Amen (8:40)

*The Choral Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Laura Sutherland – flutist

Sara Horton – clarinetist

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

4-year-old through 2nd Grade Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director

Kathryn Becksvoort – accompanist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Linda Slotsema & Dan Slotsema – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Dee DeKryger & Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: Michigan choral, orchestral, and handbell composer Michael J. Glasgow's *Spirit Dance* is an energetic and vivacious handbell piece that is characterized by driving and syncopated rhythms, both major and minor tonality, changing keys, shifting meters and an abrupt conclusion. Two woodwind instruments add to the excitement of the piece. With a little imagination, one can envision this music accompanying David's dance before the ark of the Lord.

The flowers on the chancel today celebrate the **96th birthday of Faith Hondorp**, a lifetime member of LaGrave. Thanks be to God! *The Phil and Marie Huizenga family*

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 will be our service of remembrance. Rev. Jonker will preach on John 11, and we will all have a chance to give thanks for and remember some of our loved ones who have passed. We will also have an opportunity to submit the names of our loved one(s) to be spoken in the service as part of our prayer and remembrance.