

October 27, 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:

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place, from
A German Requiem”
“A Solemn Processional”

Johannes Brahms
Raymond H. Haan

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Come, Let Us All Rejoicing” (8:40)
Come, let us all rejoicing, surround our Father's throne, our heartfelt praises voicing, his grace and mercy own, oh, not in vain we seek him, and not for naught we cry, for every want we bring him, he gives a rich supply.

James C. Warhurst

“Lift Thine Eyes” (11:00)
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Felix Mendelssohn
Psalm 121:1

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 223
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: Psalm 127:1-2

The Prayer of Confession:

God who creates, you are the architect and builder of our lives.
You are the one who seeks and finds and establishes us in grace.
Forgive us when we look to any other to make us right with you.
For there is only one name under heaven that saves us at great cost.
Hear now the quiet confessions of our hearts.

(a time of silent confession, followed by sung prayer)

**In me, a sinner, you seek truth long hidden;
grant me your wisdom, teach my heart your secrets.
From my sins purge me, purify and heal me
with joy and gladness.**

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Thank you, Jesus, for your grace that guards and keeps us—
**grace that keeps calling us even though we fail;
grace that keeps spurring us on to thankful and holy living.**
Build your righteousness into the rafters and beams of our lives,
for in you we live and move and have our being.
In Jesus' name, amen.

The Assurance of Pardon: Proverbs 24:3, 1 Corinthians 3:11

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 624
“Not What My Hands Have Done”
sing verse 2 a cappella

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”
How lovely is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts to me; my soul is longing, fainting, the courts of God to see. The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew, my heart and flesh are crying, O living God for you.

Dan Forrest

When David had a longing to build the Lord a house, he voiced his heart's intention by means of solemn vows. The beauty of your dwelling will bring me joy anew, my heart and flesh are crying, O living God for you.

His people caught the vision to build a sacred place. where holy joy and worship would please the God of grace. Let David be remembered, your faithful servant, Lord: the depth of his devotion, the hardships he endured. Beneath your care the sparrow finds place for peaceful rest to keep her young in safety the swallow a nest. So, Lord, my King Almighty, your love will shelter me; beneath your wings of mercy my dwelling place will be. Amen.

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The Offertory:

“Let David Be Remembered”

David Howard Pettit

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 7:1-17 (p. 477)

The Sermon: **“HOUSE-BUILDING”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 250
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*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:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Tim Zimmerman, Dan Marvin

Rev. David Bast – guest minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Greg Alley – trumpeter

Kathryn Becksvoort & Becky Rhoda – vocalists (8:40)

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

Rachel Rynbrandt & Merv Kamper – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)

Marlene Padding & Carmen Day – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Music at LaGrave: Today’s anthem is a combination of texts found in LUYH 45 (*Let David Be Remembered*) and a paraphrase of Psalm 84:1-3, texts which speak of David building God a house and God’s dwelling place, respectively. These complimentary texts convey themes of the joy and longing of being in the presence of God within his house of worship. The tune used to convey these texts is Gustav Holst’s THAXTED hymn tune, to which many texts have been assigned (see LUYH 555 and 557).

The flowers on the chancel today are presented in loving memory of **Judy DeJong**, mother of **Andrew DeJong and grandmother of Elizabeth and Maren DeJong**, on the anniversary of her passing.

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, Rev. Stan Kruis will preach on Matthew 9:35-38 and his sermon is titled “Praying for more Harvest Workers.”