

November 10, 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 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's Greater Son*”

Rebecca Groom te Velde

“Elegy (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)”

Paul Fey

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” (8:40)

Gregg DeMey, arr. Rob Hobgood

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. And make our love, O God, more faithful, let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (11:00)

Roland E. Martin

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount!
Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 353

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: based on 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world.

If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

Everything in the world comes not from the Father but from the world.

May we avoid the sins of lust, greed, and pride, which are desires of the world.

The world and its desires pass away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

May we live according to God's will, as children of God who are compassionate, generous, and humble.

The Prayer of Confession:

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

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: 1 John 3:1-3

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 322:1,2,3,5

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

stanza 3 and 3rd refrain a cappella

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Psalm 1” (8:40)

Mark Hayes

Blessed are the ones who delight in the law of the Lord. On God's law they meditate day and night. They are like a tree, planted by the water, which yields its fruit in season, whose leaf shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper. Blessed are the ones who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked

or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers, for they delight in the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 1:1-3.

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“Psalm 23” (11:00)

Heather Sorenson

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want. I shall not want for more. How could I ask for more? He leads by still water, and I shall not want for more. He is enough for every need. He is enough for every broken dream. I'm satisfied with what he gives. He will provide and faithfully supply. And I shall not want. He leads through the valley, and I shall not want. He is the Night. He is the Day. He is the Sun, he is the Shade. He is the Ocean. He's the Stream. In every song, he is my theme. And if we wander off alone, his mercy calls us back to home. I feast at his table, and I shall not want for more. He is the strength to conquer sin. He's faithful when my trust is thin. I shall not want.

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The Offertory:

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Richard Elliott

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 13:1-19 (p. 486)

The Sermon: **“TAMAR, AMNON AND ABSALOM”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 770

“In Christ Alone”

*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:

“Toccata on *Rejoice, O Pure in Heart*”

Albert L. Travis

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)

7-12 Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Ethan Snapper – cellist (11:00)

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

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

Music at LaGrave: The hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* is given a fresh treatment borrowing a theme from J. S. Bach’s *Suite No. 1 in G* for unaccompanied cello. While the hymn melody is sung by the choir, the cello plays the supportive accompaniment consisting of perpetual sixteenth notes, forming a melody of its own. Roland Martin is organist and Director of Music at St. Joseph University Church in Buffalo, New York, as well as a music professor and conductor of early music ensembles.

The flowers on the chancel today are in honor and gratitude for my amazing and wonderful church family! I am so grateful for all of you and appreciate your thoughtful attention and care for me. I love you all very much and thank God for you everyday! To God Be the Glory! *Paul Wright*

The November special offering is for **World Renew**, who work in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

This evening, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Rev. Jonker will preach on Matthew 10:16-20.