

November 17, 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:

“Elegy”

Harrison Oxley

“When Jesus Wept”

Dennis Elliot

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (8:40)

Patricia Sanders Cota

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

“God, You Call Us to This Place” (11:00)

God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace. Here your hospitality makes of us one family, makes our rich diversity richer still in unity, makes our many voices one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.

In the water we were born of the Spirit and the Son. Now a priestly, royal race rich in every gift of grace—called, forgiven, loved, and freed, for the world we intercede: gather into unity all the human family.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 372

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

The Call to Confession: Hosea 11:1-2;7

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God,

Your enduring love is our shelter and our reward.

In our more honest moments, we know we sometimes take it for granted.

When sin's false promises blind us to the beauty of obedience;
when we rebel against your authority or think we know best; turn our stiff necks and wayward steps home.

(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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For it's your kindness that leads us to repentance;

and your delight in us makes us want to bring you joy.

Thank you for the forgiveness we receive in Jesus. **Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon: Hosea 11:8-9

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 48:1,4,5

“It Is Good to Give Thanks to You, Lord”

We Witness God's Covenant Promises

The Meaning of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows

(8:40) The Baptism of **Cora Anne Claflin**, daughter of

Zach & Bonnie Claflin

Prayer Partner: Judy Otte

(11:00) The Baptism of **Emerson Adam Coipel**, son of

Adam & Livia Coipel

(11:00) The Baptism of **Eleanor June Guinn**, daughter of

Anthony & Stephanie Guinn

Prayer Partner: Rina Warner

*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 543:1,3

“Now Thank We All Our God”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Amazing Grace” (8:40)

Patricia Sanders Cota

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

“When David Heard” (11:00)

Thomas Weelkes

When David heard that Absalom was slain, he went up to his chamber over the gate, and wept; and thus he said: “O my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O my son!”

2 Samuel 18:33

The Offertory:

“Give Me Jesus”

Richard Billingham

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

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 18:5-17, 18:28-19:8 (p. 497)

The Sermon: **“THE DEATH OF ABSALOM”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 175

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

sing verse 3 a cappella

*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:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Diane Bish

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist

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

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

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

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

Music at LaGrave (11:00): One of the preeminent English Renaissance sacred music composers, Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623) is best remembered for *When David Heard*, a six-part choral madrigal recounting the story of the death of Absalom. The rich six-part counterpoint is accentuated by an occasional cross-relation, a common practice in this period of choral music in which two notes sung simultaneously result in a strong, clashing dissonance. Listen for imitative choral lines at the text “Would God I had died for Thee.” The madrigal concludes with a sweet-sounding C major chord.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Scott Stehouwer, Andy, Becca, Josh, Ellie & Hannah VandeGriend** in memory of **Nancy DeVos Stehouwer** on the anniversary of her passing. We are grateful to God for her example as a loving wife, mom, Nana and teacher to many.

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 consider not a story about David, but rather one of his Psalms—Psalm 142—with the message "Cry from the Cave." Chad Boorsma will preach. Jim & Ruth Padilla-DeBorst will give a Mission Moment about their ministry in Costa Rica during the service, followed by a longer presentation over supper in the Multi-Purpose Room.