

November 24, 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:

“We Gather Together”

Catherine McMichael

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Catherine McMichael

“Let All Things Now Living”

Duane Funderburk

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“O Worship the King” (8:40)

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above! Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

“Come, All You People” (11:00)

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker; come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior; come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all your people, come and praise the Spirit; come now and worship the Lord.

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*The Processional Hymn: ***Worship & Rejoice 100***

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*The Greeting

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

The Welcome

We Approach God with Penitence

The Call to Confession: John 19:1-6,12-15

The Prayer of Confession:

Holy God,

Merciful God, you are the true King who reigns with love.

Forgive us for the times when we have refused to love one another.

Gracious God, you are the true King who reigns with justice.

Forgive us for the times when we have sinned against you and others through actions we have done and actions we have left undone.

Wondrous God, you are the true King who reigns with humility.

Forgive us for the times when we have acted prideful and raised ourselves or another person above you.

Hear our silent prayers of confession now.

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

Open my lips, Lord, help me sing your praises.

Burnt sacrifices offer you no pleasure, but you will not scorn humble, contrite spirits: such will you welcome.

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The Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:1-9

*The Hymn of Commitment: ***Worship & Rejoice 342***

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

We Celebrate God’s Promise (11:00)

The Vows for Profession of Faith

Ruby VanHaitsma

The Prayer for Blessing

*Hymn of Dedication: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 770:1,4***

“In Christ Alone”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children’s Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” (8:40)

Charles Collins

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want. He makes me lie in green pastures. He restores my soul. He leads me beside still waters. He leads me for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk in the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You are with me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!

Psalm 23

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (11:00)

Cynthia Dobrinski

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

The Offertory:

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Catherine McMichael

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 Kings 2:1-11 (p. 516)

The Sermon: **“LAST WORDS: THE DEATH OF DAVID”**

The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

We Respond with Praise

*The Closing Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Hearts 859***

“Be Thou My Vision”

*The Benediction

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

*The Choral Amen (8:40)

*The Organ Amen (11:00)

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude:

“Chorale-Fantasia on *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*”

Harold E. Darke

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister

Rachel Thorne – liturgist

Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

Ethan Snapper – cellist

Bennett Snapper – violinist

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

4-year-old – 2nd grade Choir, Jess Hollenbach – director (11:00)

Kathryn Becksvoort – accompanist

Bells Jubilate, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)

Aaron Good – trumpeter (11:00)

Perrin Rynders – timpanist (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 (8:40): Charles Collins is a St. Louis, Missouri based composer who is known for his works for younger choirs. *The Lord Is My Shepherd* was composed after he participated in gospel choir rehearsals at a local African-American congregation. The piece includes gospel style techniques such as a relaxed tempo, syncopations, repetitive rhythms and melodies, and rising and falling dynamics.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Norma, Marc, and Christine Hoeksema** in loving memory of **Calvin Lenard Hoeksema** on the 5th anniversary of his passing. We rejoice that we will see him again. We rejoice that God, through Christ's death and resurrection, opens the way to everlasting joy through faith in Him.

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 will be a hymn sing led by Pastor Jonker and Dr. Visser. The hymns will center around a thanksgiving theme and you will be able to choose your favorites.