

January 26, 2025

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:

“O God Beyond All Praising”

David Blackwell, Robert Buckley Farlee, David Lasky

“How Great Thou Art”

Robert Hobby

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (8:40)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!

“Come, Sing a Joyful Alleluia!” (11:00)

Dan R. Edwards

Praise our God, the living Lord! Come, sing a joyful alleluia! Lift your voice in one accord, come, sing a joyful alleluia! Bow before him, praise, adore him. Let your heart give thanks in joyful song.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 2

“O Worship the King”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Prayer of Confession: *(based on Psalm 1)*

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked nor stand in the way that sinners take.

Forgive us, Lord, for straying from you and your ways.

Blessed is the one who delights in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on it day and night.

Forgive us, Lord, for failing to focus on the truth of your Word.

Blessed is the one who is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields fruit and whose leaves do not wither.

Forgive us, Lord, for hungering after things that do not satisfy.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior, we ask all these things.

Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness: Psalm 145:8-9

*The Hymn of Celebration Lift Up Your Hearts 561:1,3

“I Will Extol You, O My God”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” (8:40)

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the works of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we, Alleluia!

Linda Lee Johnson, based on Psalm 8.

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“Think on These Things” (11:00)

Mark Patterson

Whatever is pure, whatever is true, whatever is noble and just and good; think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things, and the God of peace will be with you. All that's pure, all that's true, all that's noble and just and good; think on these things, live by these things, rejoice together in these things, and the God of peace will be with you. When the cares of life confound you, when the storms of doubt sweep in, turn to God with all things in prayer, and a peace beyond all knowing will guard you and guide you.

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God Speaks to Us

The Scripture: John 21:24-25 (p.1688)

The Sermon: **“THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD:
THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE GOD”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 579:1,4

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

God Feeds Us at His Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you that you are immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

We Praise you that, in Jesus, you laid aside your divine majesty and came to live among us.

Jesus, you emptied yourself of divine glory,

so that we could be filled with your life.

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain

faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Words of Institution for the Bread

(followed by the distribution of the bread)

During the distribution of the bread, we sing

Lift Up Your Hearts 659: “Nearer, Still Nearer”

The Words of Institution for the Wine

(followed by the distribution of the wine)

*During the distribution of the wine, the organ
plays while we quietly meditate.*

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Raymond H. Haan

The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 553

“How Great Thou Art”

During this hymn an offering for benevolence will be taken.

We will rise together to sing for the last verse.

*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:

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

C. Hubert H. Parry

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing—with angels above—and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister
Chad Boorsma – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist

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

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

Jess Hollenbach – accompanist (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): The text of the anthem *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* is a beautiful paraphrase of Psalm 8, words that fill us with awe and wonder at God’s power in creation. That awe is expressed musically by composer Tom Fettke through a quiet and ethereal opening. A gradual increase in volume and intensity then creates a climax with a series of “Alleluias” sung in five and six-part harmony. Those same “Alleluias” prayerfully conclude the piece in stillness and peace.

The flowers on the chancel today are given in recognition of the ongoing work of our dedicated staff in continuing to promote God’s kingdom through LaGrave CRC.

The January special offering is for **Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF)** which provides housing opportunities, home ownership counseling, home repairs & maintenance for families.

This evening, Pastor Jonker will preach on Matthew 26:47-54. His sermon is titled “War and Peace.”

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live