

February 16, 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:

“Elegy”

John Ireland

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

C.S. Lang, Richard Hudson, David Cherwien

“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

Dale Wood

The Chiming of the Hour

The Introit:

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door; gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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*The Processional Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 509

“Come, Worship God”

*The Greeting

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

The Welcome

We Humbly Approach God

The Call to Confession: (Deut. 10:12-13 & 1 John 5:3-5)

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you **but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**

and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

This is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Prayer of Confession

The Words of Forgiveness: 1 John 2:1b-2

*The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 327

“When We Walk with the Lord”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

The Children's Message

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem:

“Rock of Ages” (8:40)

Michael Cox

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in thee. Rock of Ages.

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (11:00)

Michael Burkhardt

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock I stand: all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid rock I stand: all other ground is sinking sand. Amen.

The Offering

The Offertory:

“Adagio, from *Partita on Trust and Obey*”

Larry Visser

*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 Scripture: Luke 6:46-49; Luke 17:7-10 (p.1604)

The Sermon: **“TRUST AND OBEY – DO YOU KNOW THAT TUNE?”**

The Prayer for Blessing on the Word

We Go in His Peace

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 352:1,3,4
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*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:
“How Firm a Foundation”

Charles Ore

Rev. Jul Medenblik – guest minister
Rev. Stan Kruis – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Women’s Chorus, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (8:40)
Chancel Choir, Dr. Rob Hobgood – director (11:00)
Rachel Rynbrandt & Chad Boorsma – Cross and Bible Bearers (8:40)
Sheryl VanEck & Joyce Jeltema – Cross and Bible Bearers (11:00)

Reverend Jul Medenblik is the president of Calvin Theological Seminary.

Epiphany is the liturgical season from Christmastide to Lent. During this time we focus on Jesus Christ, the Savior, who is the manifestation of God’s light in our dark and sin-filled world. As we grow in knowledge of God’s redemptive acts through Jesus Christ, we are called to respond by bringing the light of the gospel to our neighbors and the world. These concepts are reflected in the symbol of the Trinity and the gold and white colors used in the banners and paraments.

Music at LaGrave:

The anthems in each service this morning refer to Christ as our solid rock, the *Rock of Ages*. Our Women’s Chorus sings an arrangement of the 18th-century hymn *Rock of Ages* that introduces an original melody composed by Michael Cox. Michael Burkhardt’s arrangement of a hymn sometimes titled *The Solid Rock* is set to the tune MELITA, known as the Navy Hymn (*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*). Each stanza comes to a triumphant close with this strong proclamation: “On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.”

The flowers on the chancel today are given in gratitude to God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, for the life and love of **John Leegwater** for over 62 years who went to be with his Lord on February 19, 2023.

Correction from last Sunday: The white roses on the chancel last week Sunday were given in memory of **Marvin DeWinter and Lisa Beidler.**

The February special offering is for **Wedgwood Christian Services**, which provides social services and treatment to meet the needs of hurting children, youth and families in the community who are struggling with a wide range of issues.

This evening, Chad Boorsma will preach, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. The message, based on John 1:9-18, will be "At Home with God."

Livestreaming worship is available at lagrave.org/live