



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

PRELUDE

Resignation

Kenneth Dake

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Douglas Kostner, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give Praise to God!

Praise the Lord who saves and forgives,

Praise God who brings us hope!

Let us worship the Living God.

HYMN 401 (v. 1-2, 4)

Here in This Place

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, lights years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you lived for us, but we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved ourselves, nor loved one another.

Lord Jesus, help us amend our ways and learn from you. Help us feel your forgiveness and extend it to others. Help us find your hopefulness so that we might start again, and hope again, for better days ahead. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Shawn Jeffery, soloist; Douglas Kostner, organ

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

Psalm 126

Tony Alonso

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy, we are filled with joy." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

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SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
At first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy;
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.*

*We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
With laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.*

*Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
May seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.*

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Ekama Eni

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and power and glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

*Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared via:

- Checks mailed to the church, attn: Gloria Haq
- Online at lacny.org/givenow
- Text: "LarchmontAveChurch" to 73256
- Smart phone app: Realm Connect

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore! Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes,
Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

TODAY: Meet and Greet Event! There will not be a virtual Coffee Hour—today, we will have a trial run of our in-person safety precautions and an opportunity to meet our Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Ekama Eni! All are welcome to meet Ekama and have a wee chat about all things youth and family related for this next year! We especially encourage all 4th graders to sign up for the 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. timeslots when there will be a special Bible Presentation. There will also be a music ministry station to register for **LAC's new handbell choir**, and mission information about a **youth-led anti-eviction initiative**. Register for this event here [\[LINK\]](#)!

Volunteer Safety Monitors and Ushers Needed! In order to resume worshiping in person, we need teams of five volunteers to serve as Safety Monitors and Ushers: one person assists the line outside, keeps the reservation roster to make sure folks are pre-booked, enforces six feet of social distancing, advises attendees of the procedure at doorway, and reminds people that masks are required at all times; two people conduct wellness survey, temperature check, mask check, and contact tracing log entries; and two people to lead people to their designated seats. Sign up here [\[LINK\]](#) to volunteer for an upcoming Sunday.

Local Food Distribution: As the pandemic persists, so do the needs of our vulnerable community members. Local groups continue to provide 650+ bags of food on a weekly basis. The economic fallout of the pandemic will be felt for months to come as our neighbors struggle with back rent, medical bills and more. You can help by offering just a few hours of your time to assist with these efforts. Please sign up here [\[LINK\]](#) to join the volunteer list to be notified of weekly volunteer needs. Sign up for THIS Tuesday, Sept 15th, here [\[LINK\]](#).

New Location: Columbus Park (corner of Jefferson Ave & Van Ranst Place, by the Mamaroneck Train Station)

When: Each Tuesday from 8 am to 6:15 pm (volunteer shifts are 2-3 hours)

Who: Anyone between the ages of 16-65 years or 13-15 years can assist with parents.

We will test out In-Person Worship on September 20, 2020. Register here [\[LINK\]](#).

Worship Today

Today's bulletin cover is "New Roots" by Lauren Wright Pittman.

Music Notes: Today's musical sending forth is a collaboration of over 100 churches based in New York, who gathered together virtually during quarantine to sing a blessing of safety and healing. We hope this blessing will carry our young people, teachers, and learners of all ages safely back to school this academic year!

Christian Education

Sunday School News: Sunday School launches for the 2020-21 year on September 20th! LAC Sunday School will be virtual from September 20th through January 31st. Watch for details (including a few outdoor gatherings) and registration information coming this week. If you have any questions, contact Ekama Eni at eeni@lacny.org or (914)834-1800 (ext. 306). Here is a [\[LINK\]](#) to the lesson for children and families about this Sunday's scripture passage!

Join Dr. Clémot's weekly **Bible Study** on Facebook Live this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **September 24**, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Any questions, please email Arthur Washington at ajwash@optonline.net.

Bible Study Fellowship: LAC is a host church for the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Westchester Women's Day Group for the 2020-21 school year. The study this year is Beginnings: A Study of Genesis. BSF meets via zoom on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning **September 17th**. To register or for more information, go to bsfinternational.org or contact BSF/LAC liaison, Chrystal Chambers at chambers95@gmail.com.

BSF is an inter-denominational Bible study that meets in 120 countries around the world. If Thursday mornings do not work for you, check out bsfonline.org to find an online group that meets at a time that fits your schedule. Online groups are available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Portuguese, Japanese, Korean & German.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 13

Worship (Facebook Live)

Meet and Greet Event (Russell Hall by appointment)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14

Youth Ministry Committee (Zoom)

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15

Worship Staff Meeting (Zoom)

AI Anon (Zoom)

Finance Committee (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

AA (Zoom)

Bible Study (Facebook Live)

AA (Zoom)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 17

Bible Study Fellowship (Conference Call)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)