



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Welcome to Worship! As a reminder of Session's approved precautions, please keep your mask on at all times and remain seated in the pews until directed by an usher to exit. There will be no congregational responses—no speaking or singing. Thank you for keeping our community safe!

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 25, 2020

PRELUDE

Prelude

Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you we come home – to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home – we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

Let us join our hearts together to worship our living God.

Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

HYMN MEDITATION

The God of Abraham Praise

Lyndell Leatherman

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,

The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,

We bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.

In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.

Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,

Deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

(Continued)

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Farewell from Here

Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot.

VOLUNTARY

Pisgah

Dale Wood

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN MEDITATION

Today We All Are Called

Douglas Kostner

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

Theodore Dubois

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

No Zoom Coffee Fellowship today, instead **join us in wishing Ellen farewell!** After worship, Rev. Clémot will be outside the church to wave goodbye. Ellen has asked for everyone to make a pledge to LAC and to bring a can or box of non-perishable food for our HOPE food pantry as you swing by to say goodbye. She will have socially-distanced food collection bins available for your donations and asks that everyone wear a mask. If you prefer to have Rev. Clémot contact you by phone to say goodbye, please email her at eclmot@lacny.org.

LAC Preschool Food Collection for Kindness: In conjunction with the Farewell Food drop off for Rev. Clémot, Interim Preschool Director Kristin DeFelice will be organizing a Preschool Food Collection for World Kindness Day to continue through November. The deacons will be coordinating these joint food drives from LAC to alleviate hunger and food insecurity for our immediate neighbors. For more information, please contact Kristin DeFelice at PreschoolDirector@lacny.org or Deacon Moderator Becky Gray at bmarlis@yahoo.com.

Today—Sunday School Playdate: Come join us in the Chatsworth Elementary Playground for a good giggle and some safe, socially distanced kid-time after our in-person worship today!

All Saints Day Remembrances: Next week, we will honor and remember loved ones who have died this year. If you would like to have your loved one's name read aloud during worship, please email mmajor@lacny.org by Tuesday, **October 27**.

Local Food Distribution: 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, Oct. 27 here [[LINK](#)].

Virtual Progressive Dinner: the LAC Deacons invite you to celebrate gratitude on **November 22!** We will begin with a Cocktail Half-Hour at 6:00 p.m., then disperse into smaller groups at 6:45 p.m. for a more intimate chat. Email Stephanie Piccone (stephaniepiccone@gmail.com) or Katherine Sinsabaugh (sinkny@gmail.com) to sign up, and let them know if you hope to attend just for drinks, or to stay around for the dinner course. We will also use this as an opportunity to support our community members: you are invited to prepare an extra plate, freeze it, label it with the ingredients used, and drop it off to LAC's freezer. The Deacons will deliver these meals to folks in need of some TLC.



Worship Today

Today's bulletin cover is "Moses Viewing the Promised Land" (1846) by Frederic Edwin Church.

Christian Education

Sunday School News: LAC Sunday School will be virtual through January 31st. This week's video will be available on YouTube on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, contact Ekama Eni at eeni@lacny.org or (914)834-1800 (ext. 306). Register here to receive Zoom Links: [[LINK](#)]

Youth News: This week we will be trying our first hybrid youth group meetings. For those who would like to, we will be gathering in-person (masked and socially-distanced) in the youth room AND we will have our usual ZOOM link running to facilitate our meeting for those joining online. SHIFT will meet 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and TGIF will meet 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday. IF YOU ARE COMING IN PERSON PLEASE RSVP to eeni@lacny.org or text (240 899 8386) so that Ekama will know to expect you!

LAC's Youth will partner with **Midnight Run** on November 7th. You may make a donation now via LAC's website (simply select "Midnight Run" from the fund dropdown menu) to support this mission: [[LINK](#)]

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **November 5**, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom to examine some of the Apocrypha—the scripture that did not make it into the canon. 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. BSF meets via zoom on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. To register or for more information, go to bsfinternational.org or contact BSF/LAC liaison, Chrystal Chambers at chambers95@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

Worship (Sanctuary)

Ellen's Farewell (Forest Park Ave)

Sunday School Playdate (Chatsworth Playground)

TGIF (Zoom)

MONDAY

7:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

Session (Zoom)

TUESDAY

2:00 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

OCTOBER 27

Worship Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Al Anon (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

AA (Zoom)

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SHIFT (Zoom)

Christian Education Committee (Zoom)

Handbell Choir (Chapel)

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 29

Bible Study Fellowship (Conference Call)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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