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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 16, 2021

PRELUDE

Wohl dem, der in Gotts Furchte steht
(Happy is the one who fears the Lord)

Carl Piutti

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Sinsabaugh and Mila Kinnear

We have heard that we are not enough: not good enough, not strong enough, not kind enough, not courageous enough.

But that is human testimony; the testimony of God is greater!

We have heard that we do not make enough, do not own enough, do not have enough.

But those who believe in the Son of God have more than enough!

We have gathered to worship this morning because we know that God's Word is enough: God's faith is enough, God's hope is enough, God's love is enough, and God's life is enough.

Help us, O Lord, to claim your promises! Let us worship the Lord our God!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us, you taught us that we belong to you, and that your word is our truth.

Forgive us, Lord, when we live as if we belong only to ourselves.

Forgive us when we foolishly mistake power for truth.

Forgive us when we fail to see your image in ourselves and in others.

Speak your words of peace to us this day, and make our lives a testimony to your grace, for you are the source of life itself, and only in you can we truly live.

We pray now that you will hear the silent confessions of our hearts and spirits, as we offer to you those things we have wrongly done or wrongly left undone...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON TEXT

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Like a Box of Chocolate”

Rev. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

Veni, Creator Spiritus

W. A. Mozart

Larchmont Symphonia

THE 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Kim Larsen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared via:

- Online at lacny.org/giving
- Text: “**LarchmontAveChurch**” to **73256**
- Smart phone app: Realm Connect

MUSICAL MEDITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Herr, wie du willst, so schick's mit mir

Carl Piutti

(Lord, as you wish, so send me)

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Helping Hands Fundraiser: Each year LAC's Church and Society Committee distributes approximately \$25,000 in grants to our Mission Partners, including such organizations as the Community Resource Center, the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, At Home on the Sound, the Community Counseling Center, HOPE Community Services and The Sharing Shelf. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, COVID-19 has prevented LAC from holding its annual Rummage Sale, which has historically provided a good share of the funding for these grants. Can you help us help our partners? We have five generous donors who have offered to match the first \$5,000 we raise. You can help by purchasing a Helping Hand for our Mission Partner Circle of Hope. **Our goal is to encircle our mission partners in love and support and the financial support they need.** One hand is \$50; a pair of hands is \$100. Donations of any size are welcome and can be made via [Realm](#): simply select "Helping Hands" from the Fund menu, or by sending a check to the Church Office (Attn: Gloria Haq) with "Helping Hands" on the memo line. Donors will be recognized on our Mission Partner Circle of Hope in our weekly newsletter.

Weeks of Welcome: Join the Welcoming Committee in helping Rev. Bynum feel at home!

1) **Host a meal.** To sign up, click here: [\[LINK\]](#). In the comment section, please indicate any specific details that will be helpful to Rev. Bynum to prepare for event. This includes home address, restaurant name / address, your mobile phone #, parking suggestions, instructions upon arrival, etc. **We are scheduling the next two weeks, and will then add more time slots based on Rev. Bynum's schedule going forward.** We will also be organizing Zoom meet and greets and lots of other opportunities for welcome with Rev. Bynum in the very near future. Please stay tuned for future announcements!

2) **Add your photo to your Realm profile.** Since we don't have a current photo directory and aren't yet worshipping in person, this will help Peter put names and faces together more quickly.

Let's give Peter a big LAC welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Pat Allen at pattyall@optonline.net or 914-262-6925.

Save the date for HOW Green!'s next Sustainable Sunday Speaker Series on **Sunday, June 6th at 4 PM**, hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church. Topic: Healthy Yards — Native Plants and Pollinators. More details to follow! HOW Green! would like to remind Village of Larchmont residents that our leaf blower-free season started May 1st. For the health of our community and our earth, please make sure leaf blowers are not used on your property, except during the designated clean-up periods. For more information see the village website at villageoflarchmont.org. Interested in learning more about LAC's Sustainability Initiatives as we strive to be good stewards of creation? Our next meeting is Friday, May 14th at 5:30 PM via this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6229883667>. We invite you to join us! If you have any questions or want to know more, email Sasha Nahr at sashanahr@gmail.com.

Snack Packs for Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force: LAC will participate in LMHTF's latest snack bag initiative called "Spice Bags," here's a note from them:

We would like to collect Spice Bags of either Spanish seasonings (cumin, chili powder, garlic powder, salt & pepper) or Italian seasonings (oregano, basil, thyme, salt & pepper). A few things to keep in mind:

- Please donate only NEW spices -- this is not a great opportunity to clean your cabinets of old spices that have been sitting there for a while.
- We realize this is a more expensive venture than the kids' snack bags and expect that people will create/donate fewer bags. Anything we have to offer clients is great!
- It still is fun if you want to decorate the bags, and this is something our amazing kid contributors might enjoy!

There will be drop off boxes for the spice bags at the church, so please look out for those as we return to our in-person worship, or stop by the office on a Wednesday. The last day to drop off spice bags will be May 23rd. Please contact Ekama Eni (eeni@lacny.org) for any questions!

"Then their father Israel said to them... then do this: take some of the best products of the land in your bags, and carry down to the [people] as a present." (Genesis 43:11)

World Hunger Day: As LAC returns to in-person worship, we will resume collecting some much needed food items for our Mission Partners at HOPE! In honor of World Hunger Day on May 28th, HOPE has requested that we help them stock up on pantry staples: **cereal, pasta sauce, canned veggies, canned fruits, tuna, rice, and other meals in a can.** The collection bins will be in the Larchmont Avenue foyer next to the worship check-in station.

Thank you to all who wrote messages on our ribbons for Mother's Day. A special shout out to LAC nursery school students and teachers. Over 70 ribbons were on the steps of the main Forest Park entrance. A sample of the messages: "I love you; you are my best friend; you taught me to be kind; miss you Mom" and lastly, "my prayer is that all mothers be able to envision a bright future for all children." Amen to that.

Save the Date: The Cara Quartet will hold a benefit concert for Midnight Run on June 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Worship Today

The art on the cover is "Heavenly Assortment," a mixed media sculpture (2020) by Peter Anton.

Thank you, Larchmont Symphonia, for enriching our spirits with beautiful music! Today's musicians are: Violin 1: Caitlyn Carpenter, Nicole Sharlow, James Teibout; Violin 2: Elyse Gellert, Brynn Coady, and Morris Schoeneman; Viola: Katherine Sinsabaugh, Mila Kinnear, and Annie Jaswal; Cello: Zoe Hassman, Gent Malushaga, Lulu Tantillo, Allison Hecht, and Nola Coady; Bass: Joel Fivis.

Christian Education

Celebrating 2021 Graduates: If you are graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please [email Ekama Eni](#) by June 6th! Please include, the school you are graduating from and where you are going next (if you are continuing your education). We want to celebrate your achievements!

Sunday School News: Now that we are back to in-person worship, we invite your children to stay with you for the service. We will have activity packs and will embrace their joyful noises! Stay tuned for details on a **Sunday School playdate on June 6**. And we look forward to the return of Sunday School this fall!

Youth News: TGIF and SHIFT will have hybrid in-person / online meetings this week. Please RSVP by 3:00 PM if you will be joining in-person, and see Church Notes for Zoom information to join in. Contact Ekama Eni at eeni@lacny.org or (914)834-1800 (ext. 306) for any questions!

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet next on May 20th at 8:30 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. 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.
11:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

MAY 16

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Deacons (Russell Hall / Zoom)
TGIF (Zoom)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.

MAY 17

Trustees (Zoom)

TUESDAY

All Day
6:45 p.m.

MAY 18

Board of Education Vote (Russell Hall)
Al Anon (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

MAY 19

Staff Meeting (Zoom)
AA (Zoom)
AA (Zoom)
SHIFT (Youth Center / Zoom)
Bells (Chapel)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

MAY 20

Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Bible Study Fellowship (Zoom)

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The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA (pcusa.org) and the Hudson River Presbytery (hudrivpres.org).

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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)
You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.