



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 15, 2021

PRELUDE

Munich

Aaron David Miller

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To abide in you, to find strength in you, to worship you,
we gather here, O God our Creator.

To confront the darkness, to bear witness to the light,
to bring hope to the hurting,
we follow you, O Christ our Savior.

To be strong in the Lord, to stand tall in the storm,
to pray and speak and declare your Word boldly,
we seek your presence and power, O Spirit, our Advocate and Friend.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

By Catherine of Siena (1347–1380)

**Eternal goodness, you want us to gaze into you and see that you love us,
to see that you love us gratuitously, so that we may love everyone with the very same
love.**

**You want us... to love and serve our neighbors gratuitously, by helping them
spiritually and materially as much as we can, without any expectation of selfish profit
or pleasure. Nor do you want us to hold back because of their ingratitude or
persecution, or for any abuse we may suffer from them.**

What then shall we do to come to such a vision?

**We shall strip ourselves of our stinking garments, and by the light of most holy faith
we shall contemplate ourselves in you. And, with your help, we shall clothe ourselves
in your eternal will, in the glorious garment of Christ. In the name of the Father, and
the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dawn Moriwaki

Lord, as we follow you on the Way, the weapon you offer to us is the “sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” As we open your Word to read it and proclaim it this day, help us to hear its power, to accept its wisdom, and to share its blessing with the world. When we speak, help us to “make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,” through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 84:1-12

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

(Continued)

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“This Present Darkness”

Rev. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

Why Does Azure Deck the Sky?

Charles Stanford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Jesu Christe, wahres Licht

Paul Manz

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Join LAC for a **Hymn Sing!** On August 22, we'll hear the Word of God proclaimed through beloved hymns.

We will continue collecting pantry staples throughout the summer for our Mission Partners at HOPE: **cereal, pasta sauce, canned veggies, canned fruits, tuna, rice, and other meals in a can.** The collection bins will be in both the Larchmont Ave and Forest Park Ave foyers, and the office will be open Tuesday-Friday from 9am-5pm to accept donations.

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "Sandals" by Aaron Spong.

Christian Education

Save the Date: on August 24, there will be an orientation meeting for parents and students participating in this year's **Confirmation Class.** More details to come!

Sunday School News: Little ones attending in-person can find activity kits in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you all in the fall when weekly Sunday School will resume!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **August 26** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley. Any questions, please email Arthur Washington at ajwash3@outlook.com.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

AUGUST 15

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

MONDAY

AUGUST 16

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

AUGUST 17

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)

AA (Carhart / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

AUGUST 18

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)

AA (Zoom)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 19

AA (Carhart / Zoom)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

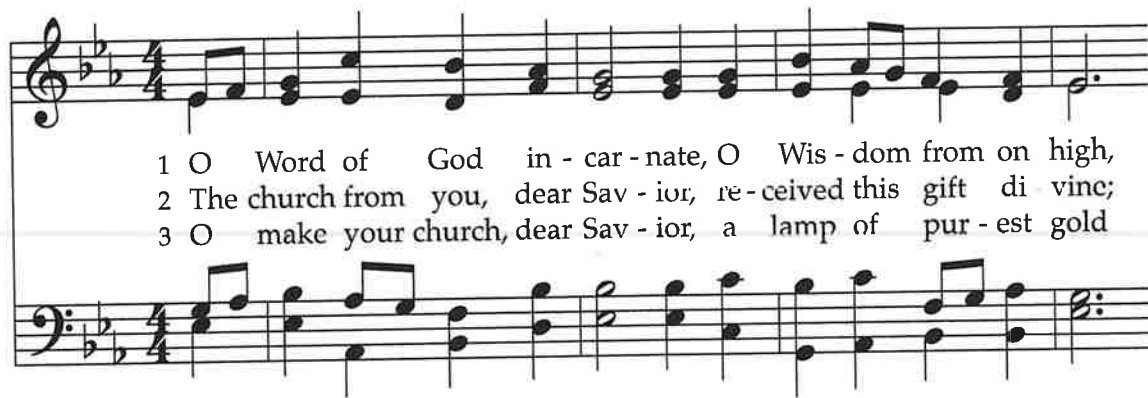
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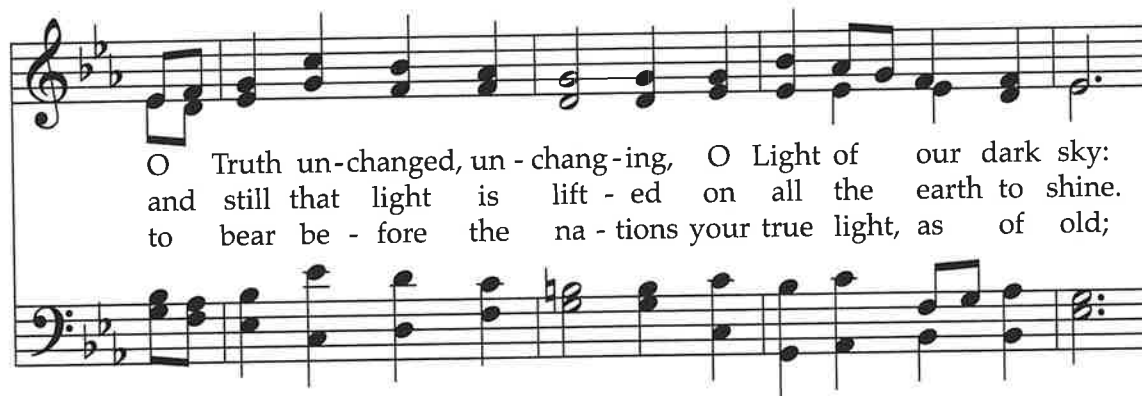
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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)
You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

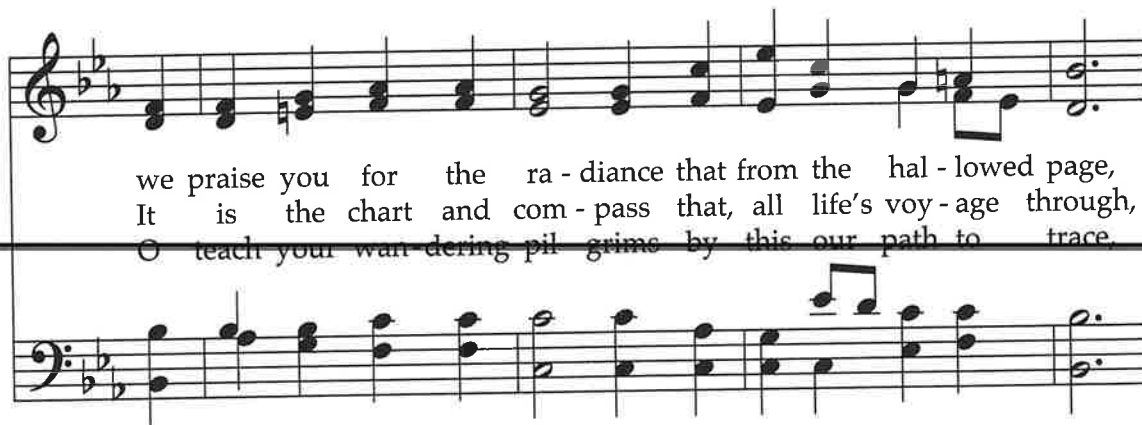
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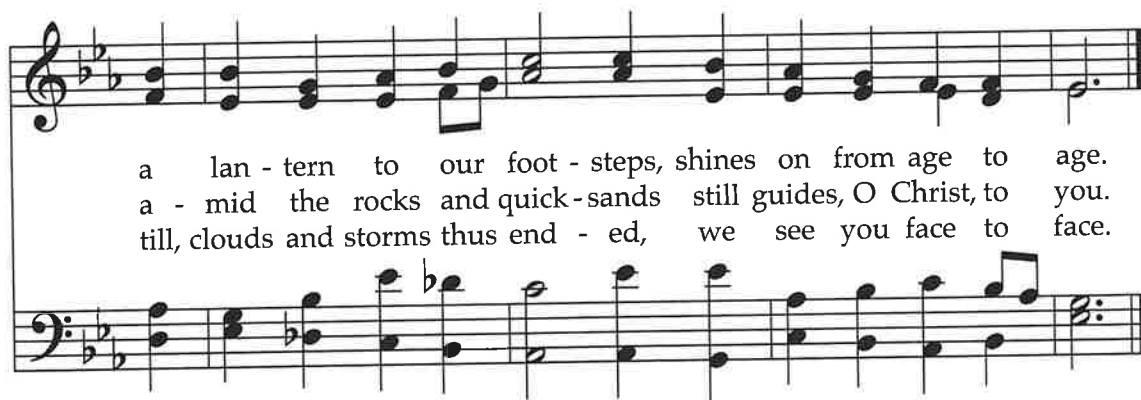
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace.



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.