



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 22, 2021

PRELUDE

Take My Life and Let It Be
Caitlyn Carpenter, Viola

Arr. Phyllis Delello

WELCOME

Patty Towle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird,
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing, fresh from the Word!
Let us Worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**A mighty fortress is our God; he is steadfast and never fails us.
Our life on Earth is filled with continuous uncertainties and difficult
choices; challenges to our Christian life have been present since ancient times and
continue to prevail today. Yet we often forget that we do not have to face them alone.
Help us to turn to prayer and the teachings of Jesus Christ to guide our way
forward. Help us to view our needs as a loving community and not with ourselves at
the center. Give us patience and compassion, and remind us to turn to always be
turning to our fortress, our God, who never fails us. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

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

I've Got Peace Like a River

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jeff Carpenter
Spirit of the Living God

**As we prepare to hear the Word of God for this day, we pray for the Spirit of the
Living God to fall afresh on these familiar texts and bring us new
understanding. Melt away our distractions, mold our minds to understand, fill our
hearts with compassion, and use our hands for your purpose. Spirit of the Living
God, fall afresh this day. Amen.**

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 16: 14-23

Barbara Flickinger

Now the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, 'See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skillful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better.' So Saul said to his servants, 'Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me.' One of the young men answered, 'I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him.' So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, 'Send me your son David who is with the sheep.' Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, 'Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight.' And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

"Just As You Are"

Douglas Kostner

VOLUNTARY

Woodworth

Arr. John Carter

SHARING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS

Patty Towle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alexandra LeClere

Here I Am, Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Now Thank We All Our God

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BENEDICTION

Go, My Children with My Blessing

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott / Ash Grove

Arr. Brant Adams

Rich Williams, trombone

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 12, 2021, Hudson River Presbytery will gather in our sanctuary to conduct a **service of installation** for Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum as the Senior Minister of Larchmont Avenue Church! The sermon will be offered by Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and members of the presbytery and the community will be invited to join us for this time of music, prayer, and celebration.

Following the installation service, from 4-6 p.m. on September 12, there will be a reception to celebrate the installation and welcome Rev. Bynum and his family! The reception will be hosted by Karen and Paul Isaac at 75 Prospect Lane, Larchmont, NY. If planning to attend, please RVSP by September 2: <https://bit.ly/3m3OHZn>

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 Monday-Friday from 2-5pm to accept donations.

Welcome to Worship

About today's service: LAC is excited to experience the Word proclaimed through beloved hymns! While the delta variant crashed our plans for a full service of singing, we are excited to share in a mini-hymn sing, and look forward to the day when we can sing without risking our community's health. Take a minute now, prior to worship beginning, to look up the page number of your favorite hymns so that you can shout it out when the time comes:

(Pro-tip: the index of Hymns listed by first line starts on page 1009!)

Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped to pull this service together! From our supporting musicians—Caitlyn Carpenter, Katherine Sinsabaugh, and Rich Williams—to our chancel choir members, including section leader Nic Dávila and our MC, Patty Towle, we are grateful for your gifts and enthusiasm! We also share our gratitude to Director of Music Ministry, Douglas Kostner, for stepping into the pulpit to share a Word with us! Larchmont Avenue Church is blessed to have so much talent in our community!

Today's bulletin cover is "Hallelujah!" by Brenda R. Wright.

Christian Education

Worship Passports: 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 22

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

MONDAY

AUGUST 23

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

AUGUST 24

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)

Confirmation Planning Meeting (Russell)

AA (Carhart / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

AUGUST 25

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)

AA (Zoom)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 26

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley Room)

AA (Carhart / Zoom)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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