



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE

McKee

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Samuel Washington

Happy are those who take refuge in God;

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who consider the poor;

the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud or go astray after false gods;

God hears their cries, sets their feet upon a rock, and makes their footsteps firm.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered;

in their spirit there is no deceit; in times of distress,

the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

those who meditate on God's law, day and night;

They are like trees planted by streams of water;

their leaves do not wither, and in all that they do, they prosper.

all of God's people worship the Lord!

*HYMN 317

In Christ, There Is No East or West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You love us with open arms, O God. Your steadfast love embraces us always, even when we fear we do not deserve it.

Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice...

when we accept injustice to avoid confrontation...

when we play favorites to curry favor...

when we are not generous with our gifts...

when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment.

Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we fall short. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, to the glory of your holy name...

(time for silent prayer)

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Alexandra LeClere

With this Word, O Lord, breathe life into our faith. With this Word, O Lord, open our hearts to those in need. With this Word, O Lord, move us to action in your holy name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

(Continued)

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Take a Seat"

Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

(congregation singing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

... Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 or via the [Realm Connect app](#).

*HYMN 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Germany

Robert Powell

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

The Town of Mamaroneck, along with the Village of Mamaroneck and the Village of Larchmont, is planning to hold the annual **September 11th Memorial Ceremony** on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM. The ceremony will be held at “Girl Scout Rock” in Memorial Park on Myrtle Boulevard.

During worship next week, we will have a special **Blessing of the Backpacks!** All are invited to bring knapsacks, briefcases, laptop sleeves, kindles/tablets, library totes, or whatever item best represents how you are currently learning to church this year!

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!

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 Avenue, Larchmont, NY.

Save the Date: LAC’s annual **Block Party** will return on September 19th! See Church Notes for more details to come!

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 9am-5pm to accept donations.

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "Homeless Jesus," sculpted by Timothy Schmalz. This photo is from the installation in the Vatican, but there are copies all around the world, including St. John the Divine in NYC.

Christian Education

Sunday School will launch for the 2021-22 program year on September 19th! Your feedback will help us finalize the classroom groupings, so please complete the registration form here ASAP: <https://bit.ly/3z5U4e4>

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **September 9** 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.

SEPTEMBER 5

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7

CPR Training (Carhart)

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)

AA (Carhart / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 8

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)

AA (Zoom)

Stewardship Committee (Lindsley)

Chancel Choir (Russell)

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 9

Preschool Teacher Training (Carhart)

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

AA (Carhart / Zoom)

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10

Junior Symphonia (Forest Park / Russell)

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11

Midnight Run (Russell)

9/11 Memorial Service (Off-site: Memorial Park)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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LAC Website: www.lacny.org Fax: (914) 834-1832
Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)
You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

Heaven Shall Not Wait 773

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb

the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb

Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm

in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3	4
(Asus) (A)	(Asus) (A) (D)
Bbsus Bb	Bbsus Bb Eb

end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call "cheap grace," while the second announces the "costly grace" of God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.