

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON RIVER

The Service of Installation for
Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
as Pastor of
Larchmont Avenue Church



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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September 12, 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Arr. Robert Farlee

GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dale Southorn

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

We are called to be God's people.

God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

OPENING PRAYER

Deb Milcarek

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ken Ngwa

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being.

We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to our Savior Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Hanley

Overwhelm us with your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as your holy Word. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 119

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21

Dr. Brian Blount

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“I Hope You Dance”

OFFERING

Rev. Dale Southern

The offering will be dedicated to Scholarship Support for Candidates in Ministry via the Hudson River Presbytery’s Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and to Clergy Support via the Hudson River Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry. You may give online at lacny.org/giving (or use the QR code in the pew racks), and select “Installation Fund” from the drop-down menu.

VOLUNTARY

I Danced in the Morning Arr. Franklin Ashdown
Simple Gifts (American Shaker melody)

INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Deb Milcarek

Based on Romans 12:4–8, 11–13

STATEMENT ON MINISTRY OF CHURCH

Rev. Ken Ngwa

STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

Lisa Niven

In his baptism, Peter was clothed with Christ. He was ordained as a teaching elder by the Presbytery of New Hope, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.

QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR

Rev. Dale Southern

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Thea Beaver

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Dale Southern

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

Rev. Dan Love

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dorothy Muller

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

Rabbi Jeff Sirkman

VOLUNTARY

Lai et Rotrouenge
Debra Whitman, harp

Trouvere Melodies

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

VOLUNTARY

Peace Be with You

Frank Voltz

Debra Whitman, harp

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & 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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*All are invited to a reception following the service
at the home of Karen and Paul Isaac at 75 Prospect Avenue!*

THE COMMISSION

Rev. Daniel Love	<i>Teaching Elder</i> , Hudson River Presbytery
Deborah Milcarek	<i>General Presbyter</i> , Hudson River Presbytery
Rev. Dale Southorn	<i>Teaching Elder & Moderator</i> , Hudson River Presbytery
Rev. Dorothy Muller	<i>Teaching Elder</i> , Hudson River Presbytery
Rev. Kenneth Ngwa	<i>Teaching Elder</i> , Hudson River Presbytery
Thea Beaver	<i>Ruling Elder</i> , Larchmont Avenue Church
Lisa Niven	<i>Ruling Elder</i> , Irvington Presbyterian Church

Thank you for celebrating this momentous occasion with Larchmont Avenue Church! We'd love to see you again sometime soon! Mark your calendar for these upcoming special events:

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| SEPTEMBER 19 | Block Party | <i>Join us for a Welcome Back celebration following worship! This year's event is free, including a Walter's Hot Dog food truck, Mr. Softee ice cream, and games and crafts for little ones. All are welcome!</i> |
| OCTOBER 2 | Youth Retreat | <i>TGIF and SHIFT will have a combined retreat at Holmes, led by Samuel Washington and Ekama Eni!</i> |
| OCTOBER 3 | Blessing of the Animals | <i>Your fluffy, scaly, and feathered companions are invited for a special afternoon service with reception to follow in the Memorial Garden with treats for all!</i> |
| OCTOBER 17 | Children's Sabbath | <i>Our youngest community members will lead our worship!</i> |
| OCTOBER 23 | Youth Midnight Run | <i>Our next Midnight Run will be led by our youth. We will gather in Russell Hall at 4:00 p.m. to begin sorting and preparing.</i> |
| NOVEMBER 28 | Advent Workshop | <i>LAC's annual Advent workshop returns! After worship, we will have a special time of fellowship, complete with crafts for all ages and some beloved Holiday tunes.</i> |