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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes

Robert Powell

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "The Messiah."

When Jesus said, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering,"

Peter took him aside and rebuked him.

When Jesus warned, "You are setting your mind not on divine things
but on human things,"

Peter's eyes were opened.

When Jesus calls, saying "Take up your cross and follow me,"

Let our worship reply and resound with trust and praise!

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you, but we are hesitant.

Too often, Lord, we seek the safe and predictable path.

Too often, Lord, we serve ourselves instead of others.

**Too often, Lord, we leave our cross on the ground and choose easier
ways to live.**

**Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes, that we might see the deeper wisdom of your choices,
the hidden power of your weakness, and the scandalous glory of your cross. Hear us
now as we confess silently the ways we have failed to follow you as we should...**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation: **May God be with you there!**

Students: **May God be with you here!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our eyes so that we might see your truth. Open our ears so that we might hear your voice. Open our hearts so that we might follow you more faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18

Melanie Huang

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the LORD your God.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Nearer, My God to Thee

Charles Walker

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!*

*There let the way appear steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!*

*Then with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!*

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

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SERMON

“Divine Things and Human
Things”

Rev. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

Bethany

Arr. Marianne Kim

PRAYERS 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Crucifer

Jacob Weber

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

The **Block Party** is TODAY, directly following Worship on Forest Park Avenue! This year's Block Party will be FREE OF CHARGE, including food service through Walter's and Mister Softee food trucks. We will have crafts for young people led by our Preschool staff. Masks are required except when eating. Thank you to the Welcoming Committee for coordinating and to the Eco Task Force for making our Block Party a zero waste event!

Save the Date: LAC will hold a special **Blessing of the Animals** on October 3. Your fluffy, scaly, and feathered companions are invited to come to Church for a brief afternoon service and a reception with treats for all of God's critters in the Memorial Garden.

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "Take Up Your Cross" by John Kohan.

Christian Education

Sunday School launches with a special Rally Day celebration! Students will be dismissed following the Children's Message and will gather for games, music, and crafts. Parents should pick up their kids from Russell Hal before heading out to the Block Party! Additional registration forms are available at the Usher's Station.

Nursery Care for our smallest congregants—infants and toddlers ages 2 and below—is available on the ground floor of the education wing in Room 114.

Youth Group for both our Middle School (TGIF) and High School (SHIFT) students will launch on Wednesday, September 22nd! TGIF will meet at 5:00 p.m., SHIFT will join at 6:00 p.m. for a shared dinner, then SHIFT will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Questions? Email Sam at swashington@lacny.org!

Our first **Confirmation Class** (Topic: The Bible) will be on September 26th.

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **September 23** 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.
10:20 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 19

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Classrooms)
Block Party (Forest Park Avenue)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20

Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

4:00 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
7:15 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21

Westchester Children's Chorus Auditions (Chapel)
Al Anon (Library / Zoom)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)
AA (Zoom)
TGIF (Youth Center)
Shared Dinner (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Youth Center)
Symphonia (Chapel)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)
AA (Zoom)

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Junior Symphonia (Lawn/Russell)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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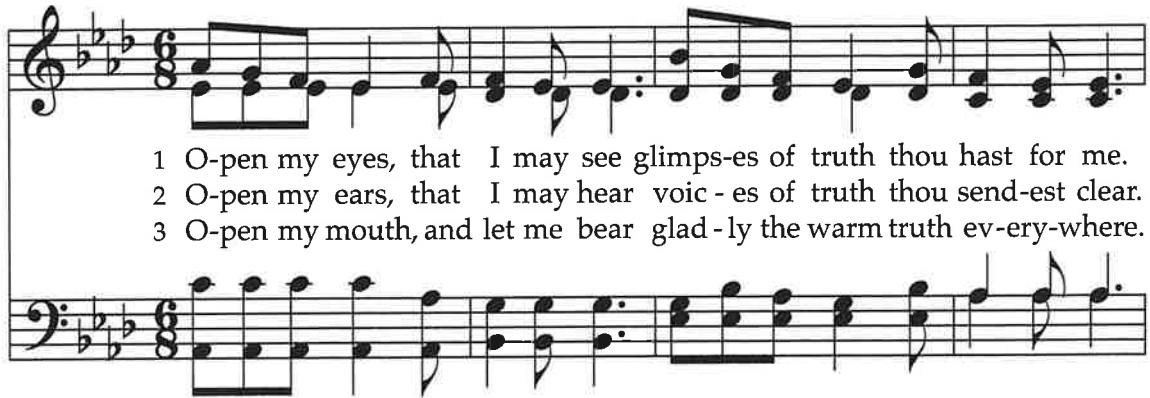
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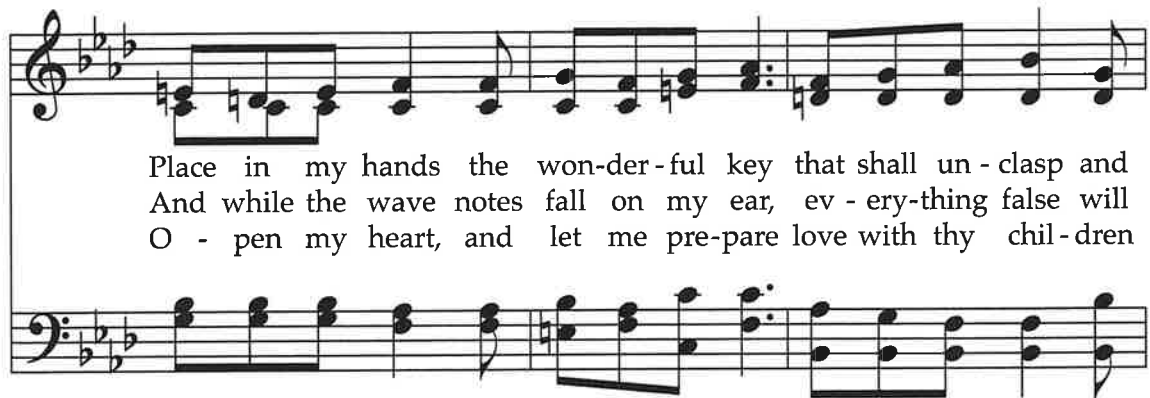
Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

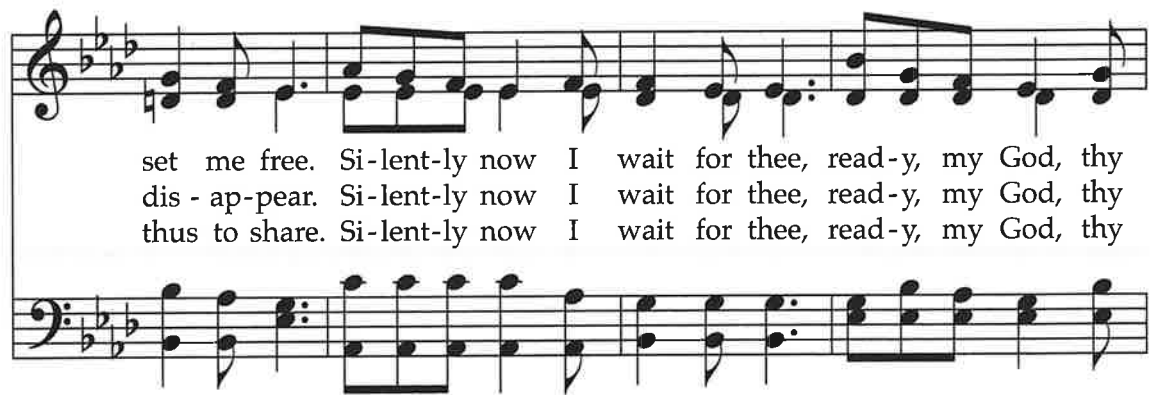
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.