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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

PRELUDE

Londonderry Air

Frederic Weatherly

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
Our hope is in the name of the Lord,
the healer of all that is wounded.
Our trust is in the name of the Lord,
the One we gather to worship and praise.

*HYMN 401

Here in this Place

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our rock and our redeemer, yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our Savior, yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, yet we isolate ourselves in so many ways. You are the fount of our forgiveness, yet we fear that we will be condemned.

Forgive us, O Rock and Redeemer. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, so that we might live as your children...

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dale Kelly

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

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

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Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Students: May God be with you here!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.'

(Continued)

If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

‘For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.’

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Kids Are Watching”

Rev. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

Invention 14 in B-flat Major, BWV 785

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

JOHN NEWTON

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday, October 3, Rev. Bynum will begin a new Adult Education series: **First Words**. We'll start at the very beginning with Genesis 1:1: "When God Created the Heavens and the Earth..." Join us after worship in the Lindsley Room!

LAC will hold a special **Blessing of the Animals** on October 3 at 2:00 p.m.! Your fluffy, scaly, and feathered companions are invited to come to Church for a brief afternoon service to celebrate the love and comfort they share with a special blessing!

Welcome to Worship

Our music this morning is provided by Canadian pianist **Jenny Xu**, a graduate of Berklee College of Music (BM '16) and the Manhattan School of Music (MM '19). She performs regularly in NYC as a jazz pianist and serves on the faculty at Larchmont Music Academy.

Today's bulletin cover is "Jesus Welcomes the Children" by Paul Oman.

Christian Education

Sunday School Students will be dismissed following the Children's Message and will gather for an all-ages lesson complete with games, music, and crafts. Parents should pick up their kids from Russell Hall following worship. 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: 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? RSVP? Email Sam at swashington@lacny.org!

Youth Retreat: RSVP ASAP to join in the combined TGIF/SHIFT Youth Retreat to Holmes Camp! Rev. Bynum, Sam Washington, and special guest Ekama Eni will lead our Youth for a day of team building, games, reflection, and planning for the year ahead!

TODAY: Our first **Confirmation Class** will meet in the Lindsley Room following worship! We anticipate class running from 11:15-12:34 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **October 7** 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.
11:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 26

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Classrooms)
Confirmation Class (Lindsley Room)
Eco Task Force (Library)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27

Tenant Co-Op Meeting (Russell)
Session (Library)

TUESDAY

2:00 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
7:15 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28

Mackenzie Interment (Memorial Garden)
Al Anon (Library / Zoom)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

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

SEPTEMBER 29

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

THURSDAY

4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 30

Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)
AA (Zoom)

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 1

Junior Symphonia (Lawn/Russell)

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 2

TGIF/SHIFT Retreat (Holmes)
Westchester Children's Chorus Retreat (LAC)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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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.

Our COVID Safety procedures may not allow us to pass the offering plate, however, LAC always welcomes your gifts of time, talent, and treasure! Financial gifts may be shared via this QR code, or you can email the Office about finding other ways to share your time!



Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



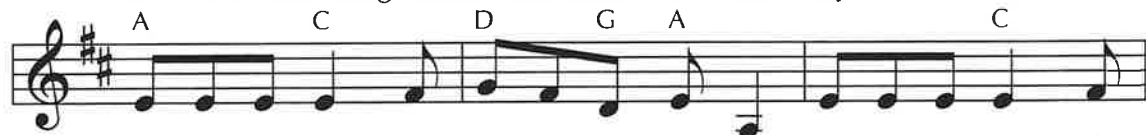
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.