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World Communion Sunday

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 3, 2021

PRELUDE

Crusader's Hymn

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways –
through the law, the prophets, and mighty deeds of power;

but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.

That Son was appointed heir of all things,
and through him God created the world.

He is the reflection of God's glory, the imprint of God's very being.

Seated at the right hand of Majesty, superior to the angels, he died for us, rose for us, and
reigns in power for us.

**We do not yet see everything, but we do see Jesus,
who for a little while was made lower than the angels,
and is now crowned with glory and honor.**

On this World Communion Sunday, we join with Christians around the globe to gather
around tables set by the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe.

We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace.

**Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance
ourselves, not only in miles, but in word, thought, and deed. We find
ways to divide ourselves, seeing the world in terms of "us" and
"them." Again and again, you call us back to the waters;
again and again, we turn away.**

Forgive us, uniting God, as we gather around the table of your Son.

**With plate and cup, bread and wine, make us one in our love for you and for one
another, to the glory of your holy name...**

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

Stephanie Piccone

Holy God, you have spoken to us through your Son, the Word made flesh. Speak to us now through your written Word, so that as we hear, we might believe... as we believe, we might follow... and as we follow, we might live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-14, 2:5-9

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“A Little While Lower”

Rev. Bynum

ANTHEM

Adonai Ma Adam

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

*Adonai ma adam vatedaehu
ben enosh vat'chashvehu?
Adam lahevel dama
yamav k'tzel over.*

(Lord, what is humanity that You should care about us; mortal ones that You should think of us? Our lives are but a breath to you; our days like a passing shadow.)

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jacques Berthier

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

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 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*St. Anne
O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Benjamin Culli

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

TODAY, after worship, 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 in Russell Hall!

TODAY, at 2:00 p.m., LAC will hold a special **Blessing of the Animals**. 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!

Save the Date: On October 17, we will celebrate **Children's Sabbath** by having our Sunday School students lead us in Worship! If your family is interested in participating, please send a note to the Office!

This month, our Youth take charge of **Midnight Run** on October 23! We need to collect the following items: Fresh Direct Grocery Bags; Men's jeans; Men's hoodies, fleeces, sweatshirts; Men's casual jackets / windbreakers (not sport coats); Men's sneakers; Six cases of water (12-oz bottles).

Please note we do not accept donations of men's dress clothing or children's clothing.

On October 31, we will remember our departed neighbors with a special **All Saints** service. Please send a note to the office if you would like to include your loved one's name in the list of remembrances.

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "Last Supper by Christina Saj.

On **World Communion Sunday**, we will dedicate what we have collected over the past few weeks for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Hurricane Ida Efforts. You may still make contributions today by selecting "Hurricane Relief" from the fund drop-down menu on the Realm giving portal.

Christian Education

Sunday School Students will BEGIN the service in Russell Hall at 10:00 a.m., and will rejoin their families for Communion.

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!

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.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

MONDAY

3:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 3

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Russell)
First Words (Russell)
Deacons (Chapel)
Blessing of the Animals (Sanctuary)

OCTOBER 4

CCC (Library)
Youth Ministry Committee (Lindsley)

OCTOBER 5

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)

OCTOBER 6

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

OCTOBER 7

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

OCTOBER 8

Junior Symphonia (Lawn/Russell)

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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!



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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.