

The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 10, 2021

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Brant Adams

ST. DENIO

Rich Williams, trombone

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and make worthy the work of our hands.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have so much left over, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.

Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way...

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

Sam Washington

O Lord, your Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. As your Word is read and proclaimed, we ask you to bend our wills, change our thoughts, and search the true intentions of our hearts, all for the sake of your reign in this world. Amen.

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne. One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation:

"This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread. Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy. There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one. His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children of the church are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.

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

Students: May God be with you here!

ANTHEM

How I Love Your Word

Mark Hayes

Nic Dávila, soloist

I love your Word, it gives me light. It guides me through the darkest night.

Your law is perfect in every way. How I love your Word.

Sweeter than the honeycomb, more precious than the finest gold,

Rich with treasures new and old, your Word gives life to me.

When I am frightened, you calm my fears, when I am troubled, your Word is clear

That in every moment you are here; your Word brings peace to me

I love your Word, it gives me light. It guides me through the darkest night.

Your law is perfect in every way. How I love your Word.

I choose to follow your commands. Your ways I want to understand.

I long to learn all that I can from the wisdom in your Word.

Your words I treasure deep within. They comfort me and discipline

That I may have no cause to sin. Your Word brings righteousness.

I love your Word, it gives me light. It guides me through the darkest night.

Your law is perfect in every way. How I love your Word.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Man Behind the Curtain”

Dr. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

LIEBSTER JESU

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jay Barnes

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the [Realm Connect app](#).

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every
Blessing*

Gary Lanier

NETTLETON

Rich Williams, trombone

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

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.

LAC will lead a community-wide **Service for Healing and Wholeness**, to be led by LAC and held at Constitution Park at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2021. This service will address the grief and loss of our community from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the recent flooding in our region.

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.

Could you prepare a meal or snack for a member of our congregation in need? The **LAC Food Connection** under the auspices of the Deacons provides occasional meals for our members who might have surgery or something that prevents them from cooking themselves. Please contact Alexandra at aleclere@aol.com to offer your help. We will add you to our list of volunteers. When we have a fellow church member in need we will contact you. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is a 4th Century mosaic from the church of Santa Pudenziana (Rome, Italy), depicting the "Throne of Grace."

Christian Education

Sunday School Students will head over to Russell Hall following the Children's Message! Have you submitted a registration form for your kiddos yet? Extra copies are available at the Usher station and check-in desk!

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 in the Youth Center 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!

Our next **Confirmation Class** will be October 17 following worship, and the topic will be: God the Creator!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **October 21** 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.

OCTOBER 10

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Russell)

MONDAY

ALL DAY
7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 11

Indigenous People's Day (Office Closed)
Youth Ministry Committee (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

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

OCTOBER 12

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)
Finance Committee (Lindsley)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

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

OCTOBER 13

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

THURSDAY

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

OCTOBER 14

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

FRIDAY

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

OCTOBER 15

Woman's Club of Larchmont (Russell)
Junior Symphonia (Lawn/Russell)

SATURDAY

TBD

OCTOBER 16

Mattress Distribution (Russell)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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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!



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

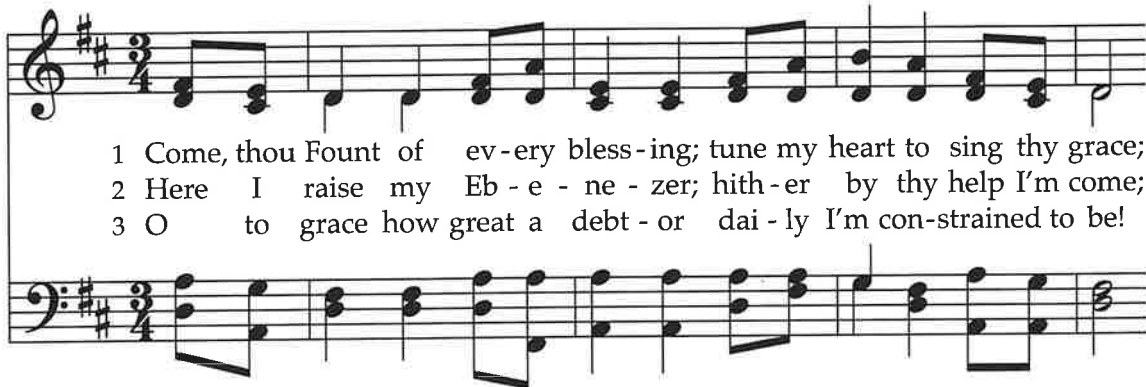
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

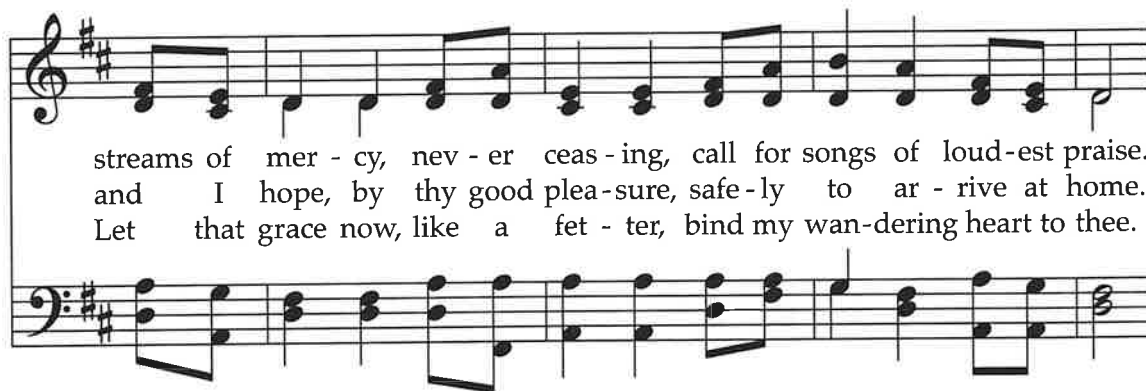
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

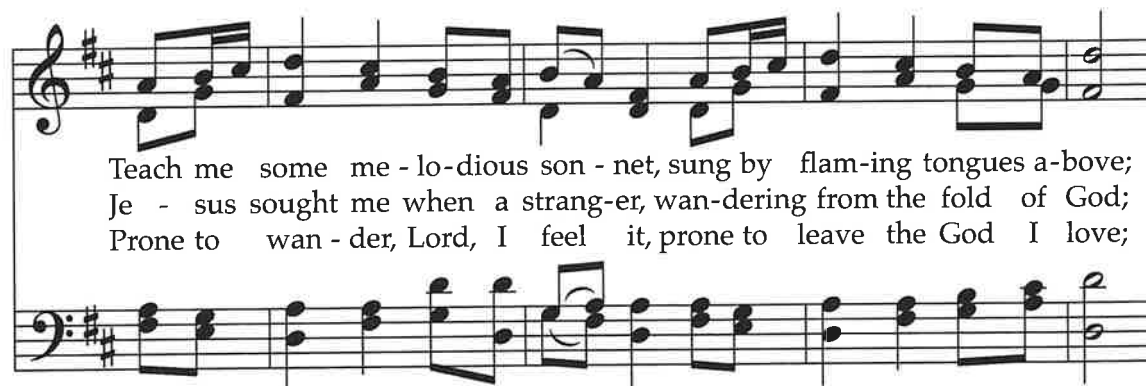
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



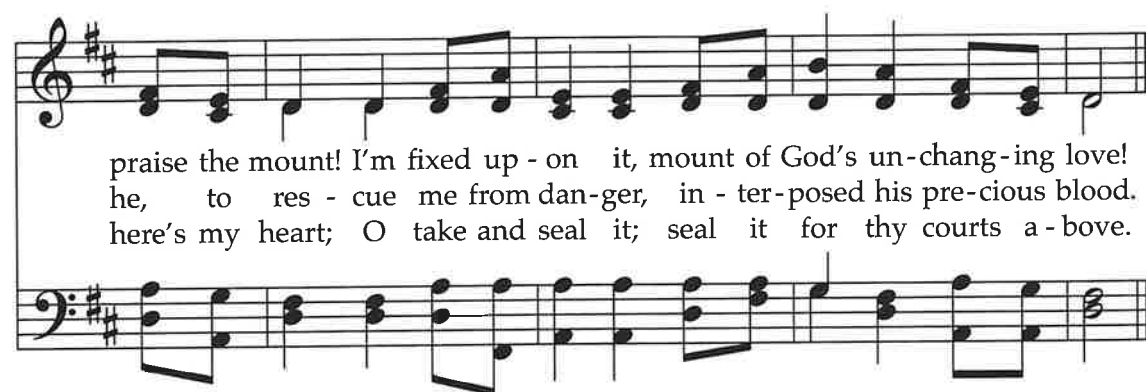
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.