



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Children's Sabbath

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 17, 2021

PRELUDE

*Praise Him, All Ye Little Children*  
*BONNER*

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Melanie Huang

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

James Manice

When people brought their children to Jesus, it made him happy.

**He said the Kingdom of God belongs to them!**

No matter how old we get, we are always children of God.

**Beloved, we are God's children now!**

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine—I'm gonna let it shine!*

*This little light of mine—I'm gonna let it shine!*

*This little light of mine—I'm gonna let it shine!*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Everywhere I go...*

*Hide it under a bushel? NO!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jayden Wrappah

**Dear God, you love us no matter what.**

**We are sorry that we sometimes do not love others as much as we should.**

**Sometimes we get mad and act badly.**

**Sometimes we are selfish and want too much.**

**Sometimes we get confused and make bad decisions.**

**We are sorry for the mistakes we have made.**

**Help us to remember Jesus, because he shows us the way to live.**

**Help us to act like your children, because that is what we are!**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anais Wrappah

\*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

Cole Bartley

**O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet. It shows us the path to walk. Help us listen closely to what you are saying to us. Amen.**

GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

Oliver Manice

*Good News Translation*

Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*All children are invited to come forward to observe the sacrament  
from the front pews and chancel floor.*

PRESENTATION OF FAMILY FOR BAPTISM

Clark Morehouse

**Nina Elizabeth Gedney**

Daughter of Krista and Kevin Gedney

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS & CONGREGATION

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM

HYMN 486, verse 1

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.*

*Children exit for Sunday School*

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*(Continued)*

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“God’s Children Now”

Dr. Bynum

ANTHEM

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Lucy Girling, soloist

*Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.*

*God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.*

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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

\*HYMN 188

*Jesus Loves Me*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Children of the Heavenly  
Father*

Dale Wood

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## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Upcoming Events*

This Saturday, October 23, our Youth take charge of **Midnight Run!** 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** 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](mailto: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 "Child in Safety" by Hannah Garrity.

### *Christian Education*

Thank you, **LAC Sunday School Students**, for leading the start of our service this Children's Sabbath! Following the Baptism, students will head over to Russell Hall where parents may retrieve their kiddos following worship. *Extra copies of the registration form for new visitors 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 Groups:** On Wednesdays, 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](mailto:swashington@lacny.org)!

Our next **Confirmation Class** will begin right after worship today, 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](mailto:ajwash3@outlook.com).

THIS WEEK AT LAC

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.

**OCTOBER 17**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)  
Sunday School (Russell)  
Confirmation Class (Russell)

**MONDAY**

3:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 18**

CCC (Library)  
Trustees (Lindsley)

**TUESDAY**

5:30 p.m.  
6:45 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.

**OCTOBER 19**

Stewardship Committee (Lindsley)  
Al Anon (Library / Zoom)  
AA (Chapel / Zoom)  
Westchester Chorale (Russell)

**WEDNESDAY**

11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.

**OCTOBER 20**

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

**THURSDAY**

8:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 21**

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

**FRIDAY**

5:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 22**

Junior Symphonia (Lawn/Russell)

**SATURDAY**

3:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 23**

Ragamuffin Parade (Larchmont Avenue)  
Youth Midnight Run (Russell)

## THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA ([pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org)) and the Hudson River Presbytery ([hudrivpres.org](http://hudrivpres.org)).

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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!*



# 188

## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.