



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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## October 24, 2021

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 24, 2021

PRELUDE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*  
MORECAMBE

Robert Powell

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are weary.

**Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.**

Come, you who are joyful.

**Join in God's praise with the choir of the saints.**

Come, you who are doubting.

**Behold the one who can keep you from falling.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 688

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, whose love never wavers, whose steps never falter, whose righteousness never fails, who are we to stand before you? We try to walk in faithfulness, but we stray from the path. We open our mouths to sing songs of thanksgiving, but our flesh is weak and our mortal voices crack. We want to live as your children, but we are lured by worldly status and measure our success in worldly terms. Forgive us, O Lord, for the evil we have done and the good that we have left undone. Help us to walk with integrity. Redeem us, be gracious to us, and place our feet upon the rock of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

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.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF FAMILY FOR BAPTISM

Ernest Wong

**Ewell Cardwell "Wells" Potts V** Son of  
Jennifer and Cardwell Potts IV

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS & CONGREGATION

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM

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

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Louise Moore Williams

**O Lord, you supply seed for the sower, you give to the poor, and you are able to provide every blessing in abundance. As your Word is read and proclaimed, let the seeds of your truth fall on fertile soil. Enrich us with your wisdom, and increase within us the harvest of your righteousness, all for the glory of your name and the reign of your Son. Amen.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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!

*Children exit for Sunday School*

ANTHEM

*But Who May Abide*

G. F. Handel

Kreshnik Zhabjaku, soloist

*But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Singing in the Rain”

Dr. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

*Singing in the Rain*

Herb Nacio Brown

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

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 716

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sonata for Viola: Impetuoso*  
Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

Herb Nacio Brown

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Upcoming Events*

Our mattresses have finally arrived, and we can't wait to deliver them **TODAY from 12:00-4:00 p.m.** If you are able to help transport Queen- or Twin-sized mattresses (or to help load them into vehicles) please consider stopping by to lend a hand!

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 "Singing in the Rain" by Lim Heng Swee.

*Christian Education*

**Sunday School News:** Following the Children's Message, 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)!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.  
12:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER 24

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)  
Sunday School (Russell)  
Eco Task Force (Library)  
Mattress Distribution (Russell)  
Healing & Wholeness (Constitution Park)

### MONDAY

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

### OCTOBER 25

CCC (Library)  
Session (Lindsley)

### TUESDAY

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

### OCTOBER 26

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 27

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

### THURSDAY

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

### OCTOBER 21

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

### FRIDAY

5:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER 22

Junior Symphonia (Lawn/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!*



## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.



# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.