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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

PRELUDE

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Dale Woods

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come worship God,
who gives food to the hungry and sets the prisoner free.
Come worship God,
who gives life to the lifeless and sets our hearts aflame.
Come worship God,
the One who built and guards this house.
Come worship God,
and bring your gifts, the best you have to offer!

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, you praised the gift of the widow, who had so little and gave it all. Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our eyes away from people who are trapped in poverty. Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our resources into reasons for pride or greed. Forgive us, O Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us to follow in your way of generosity...

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

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Phil Oldham

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 127:1-5

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.
Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"How Am I Supposed to Compete with That?"

Dr. Bynum

ANTHEM

The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

Randall Sensmeier

*The temple rang with golden coins the rich in bright array
Contributed from gleaming hoards their scales could scarcely weigh.
A widow came with copper coins and offered them in praise.
They were the last she had to give or save for darker days.
When Jesus saw her costly gift and knew she had no more,
He praised a love that spared not self and called her rich, though poor.
At last he brought his offering and laid it on a tree;
There gave himself, his life, his love for all humanity.
Lord, help us all, with you, to yield whatever love demands
And freely give, as you have given, with open hearts and hands.*

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 761

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Johann Pachelbel

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Join Rev. Bynum immediately after worship for “**First Words.**” This session of the Adult Education series will explore Psalm 1.

Save the Date: LAC will host this year’s **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship

Today’s bulletin cover is “The Widow’s Mites” by Weaver Hawkins.

Christian Education

Sunday School News: As this is a Communion Sunday, students will BEGIN in Sunday School in Russell Hall and will rejoin their families in the pews later to partake in the Lord’s Supper together. *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!

The **Men’s Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **November 18th** 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.
11:15 a.m.

NOVEMBER 7

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Russell)
First Words (Russell)

MONDAY

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

NOVEMBER 8

CCC (Library)
Youth Ministry Committee (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

12:30 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER 9

Church & Society Committee (Lindsley)
Al Anon (Library / Zoom)
Finance Committee (Classroom 202)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)
Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
3:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)
Preschool Fall Festival (Chatsworth Playground)
TGIF (Youth Center)
Shared Dinner (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Youth Center)
Symphonia (Chapel)
Chancel Choir (Russell)

THURSDAY

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

NOVEMBER 11

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

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5

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!



645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

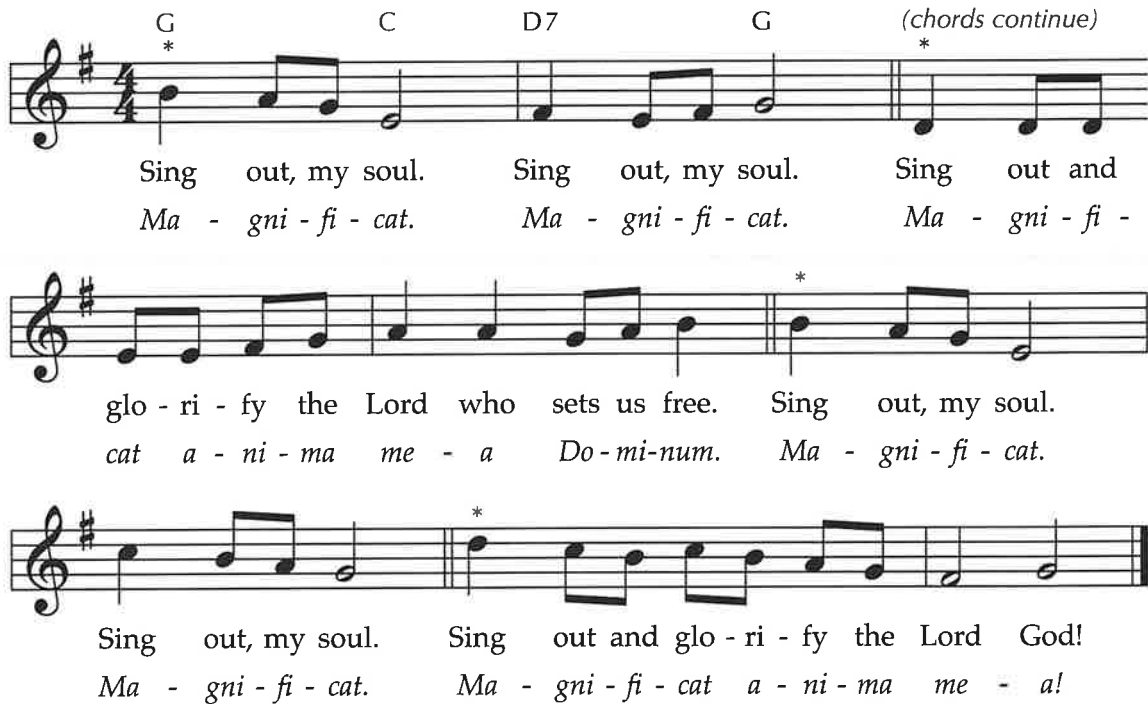


mur - mur stilled:
all is right:
cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
take your part:

Sing Out, My Soul

Magnificat

646



G * C D7 G (chords continue) *

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi -
glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul.
cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

*May be sung as a canon.

This canonic chant from the Taizé Community is based on the opening phrase of Mary's song when she visited her relative Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-56). Both Eastern and Western churches have used the full text for many centuries as part of daily prayers.

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1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.