

The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Dedication Sunday

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

PRELUDE

O Worship the King
Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

Kristin Coleman

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Acts 17

The God who made the world and everything in it, the Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands.

Nor is our God served by human hands, as though God needs anything.

It is the Lord who gives life and breath and all things.

This God is not far from each one of us. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are with us even now.

For in God we live and move and have our being...for we too are God's offspring.

*HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are the God of all people, the creator of all things good.

Forgive us when we fail to see the good. Forgive us when we refuse to see the "all."

Forgive us when we cling to worldly things instead of following you. We are searching for your presence and grasping for your grace, but we still worry that we could be separated from your love. Forgive us, God of mercy, for our unbelief, and give us strength to be your faithful people, to the greater glory of 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.*

*THE PEACE

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elise Carpenter

O Lord, as we open your Word to hear it read and proclaimed,

open our ears to hear your voice and no other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 17:21-28b

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

You Have Anointed Me

Gary Daigle

Kreshnik Zhabjaku, soloist; Melanie Huang, flute

To bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken heart, You have anointed me.

To proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners, You have anointed me.

Your Spirit, O God, is upon me; you have anointed me.

To announce a year of favor, to comfort those who mourn, You have anointed me.

To give to them the oil of gladness, a mantle of joy, You have anointed me.

Your Spirit, O God, is upon me; you have anointed me.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“My Life in the Church; the Church in My Life”

Dr. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Faye López

Melanie Huang, flute; Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station in the narthex.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God our Creator, the earth is yours, the world and all that fills it.

Everything we have has come from you. You have entrusted us with gifts— gifts of time and talent, gifts of curiosity and energy, gifts of strength and solace, gifts of ability and money. These gifts you give are ours to use, for good or ill.

Today, we bring to You these gifts you have given, returning the generosity you have bestowed upon us, pledging ourselves to love as you love, hope as you hope, and work as you work.

Today, Lord, we offer ourselves. Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take our moments and our days, let them flow in endless praise.

We also ask your blessing upon Larchmont Avenue Church, Lord. We pray that you will bless our ministry and our mission to the glory of Christ and the betterment of your world.

(Continued)

As your gathered people, help us love you with all of our heart, mind, and strength, and to love other people as ourselves.

As we rededicate ourselves to you, Gracious God, hear us as our voices join in the words your Savior taught us to pray, saying:

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever...

(continuing in song)

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!***

Almighty God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, and so control our wills,

that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Dale Wood

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: LAC will host this year's **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. Please bring donations of unsweetened cereal for the Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force.

LAC's Annual **Advent Workshop** returns on December 5th! Immediately following worship, all are invited to Russell Hall for advent-wreath making, cookie decorating, crafts for all ages, and some festive tunes!

Thanksgiving Offering:

Dear LAC,

Thanksgiving is a time for us to gather with family and friends and to count our many blessings. It's a time to give thanks for all that is good in our own lives and to give to others who may not be as fortunate. It is in this tradition of caring that we express our love and support for people in need in our own community.

As in past years, the Thanksgiving offering here at LAC will be used to support the vital efforts of several local food-assistance organizations. These include H.O.P.E. Food Pantry, Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, and Meals on Wheels. The food they offer makes a tangible difference in the lives of people with critical needs right here in our own communities. Please use the blue mission envelopes in the pews, select "Thanksgiving" from the fund menu if giving online, or send checks marked "Thanksgiving Offering" to the church office.

Our Thanksgiving offering gives us at LAC the opportunity to make this a holiday in which those who struggle in our community can feel the loving comfort of others. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of people in need. Wishing you peace and grace in this holiday season,

Clark Morehouse
Church and Society Committee

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 LAC's 2021 stewardship campaign logo.

Christian Education

Sunday School News: Following the Children's Message, preschool-5th grade students are invited to Russell Hall for a time of fun, fellowship, and learning together!

On **December 12**, we will mark a special milestone in the life of faith by presenting our fourth-grade students with Bibles! We are excited to honor their deepening faith and acknowledge their special role as leaders within our all-ages Sunday School program. *If you are the parent of a fourth grader, please send a note to the office (mmajor@lacny.org) to confirm that you will be present in worship on December 12, and to help us double-check name spellings for inscriptions.*

We are one month away from **LAC's Christmas Pageant!** We look forward to experiencing Christ's birth story anew on **December 19**. Parents of little ones should mark their calendars for a rehearsal on December 18, and watch out for an announcement in Church Notes with information about an organizational meeting and a link to sign-up.

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.

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

NOVEMBER 14

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Sunday School (Russell)

Deacons (Library)

MONDAY

3:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 15

CCC (Library)

Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER 16

Hudson River Presbytery (Zoom)

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER 17

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)

TGIF (Youth Center)

Shared Dinner (Youth Center)

SHIFT (Youth Center)

Stewardship Phonathon (Library)

Symphonia (Chapel)

Chancel Choir (Russell)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

Bible Study Fellowship (Zoom)

Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)

AA (Chapel)

Interfaith Thanksgiving (Sanctuary/Online)

FRIDAY

1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19

Woman's Club of Larchmont (Russell)

Junior Symphonia Concert (Russell)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA (pcusa.org) and the Hudson River Presbytery (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!



41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

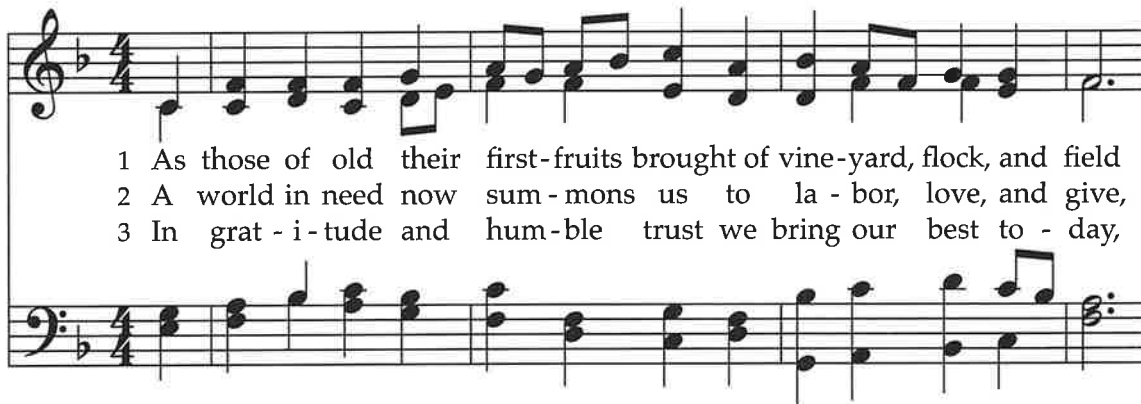
O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

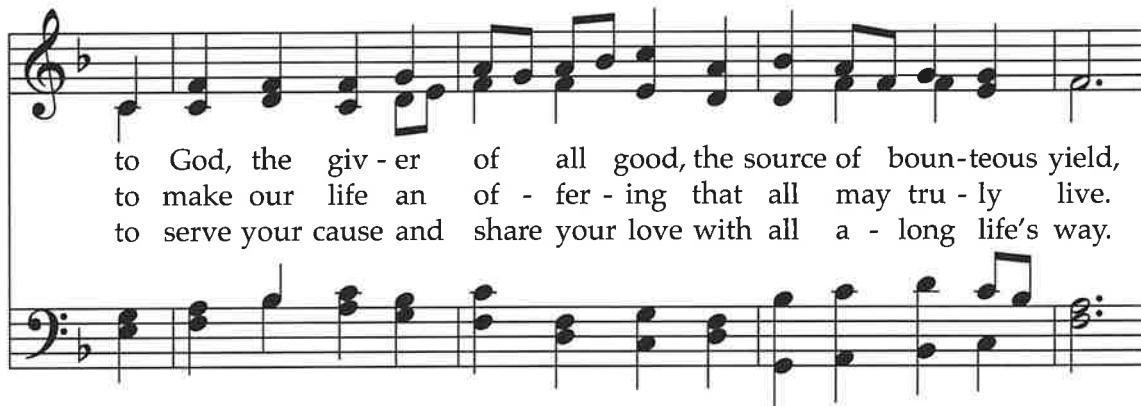
pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

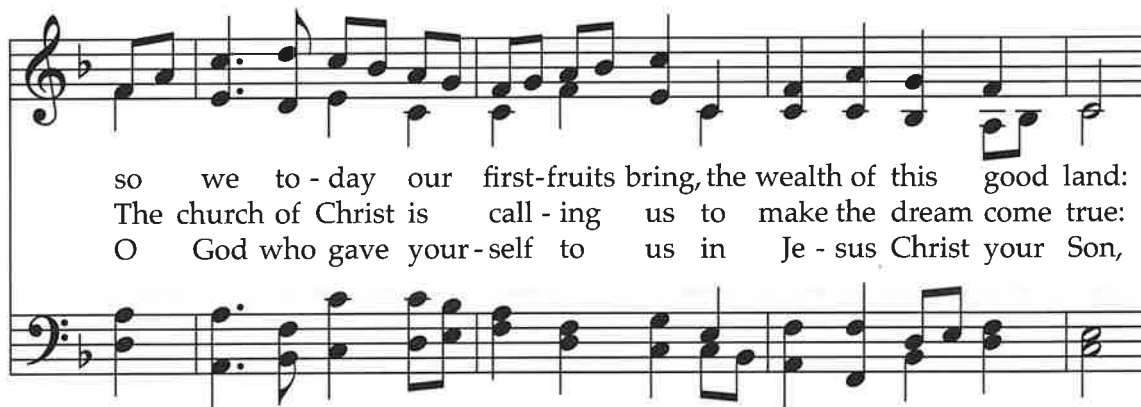
As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



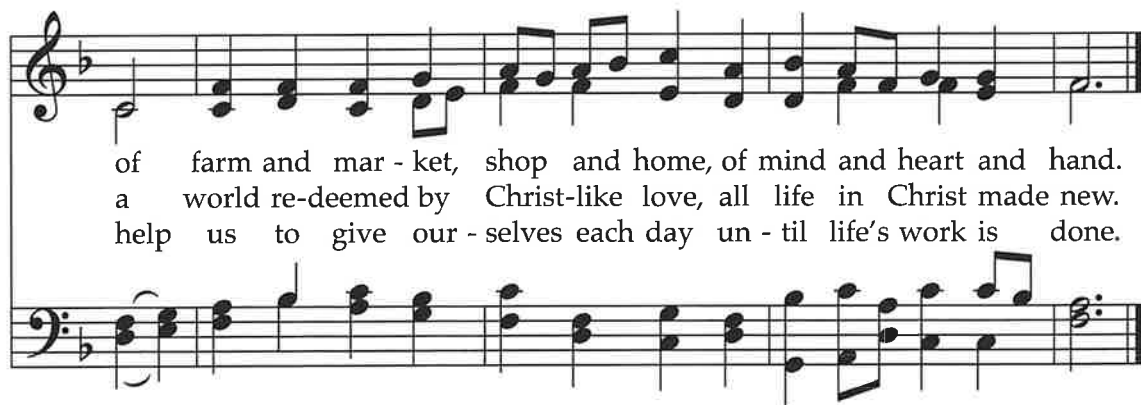
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.