



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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April 24, 2022

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 24, 2022

PRELUDE

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Arr. Kim Robertson

Debra Whitman, harp

WELCOME

Anna Grace Claunch

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter the song of Creation!

**Earth cradles our ancestors, birthing new life.**

We enter the prayer of Creation!

**Sky brings darkness and light, holds storms and the stars.**

We enter the praise of Creation!

**Mountains peaked with snow, hills swaying with grasses.**

We enter the silence of Creation!

**Humanity between the ground and the heavens.**

We come here, humbly, as one earthly family to worship our Creator: the giver of form, the maker of space.

\*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all creation, our beautiful blue and green home is an awesome gift. Yet we trade clean air for the power of convenience, clean water for easy waste disposal, and wilderness for elbowroom. We marvel more at our inventions than over your creations.**

**Share your wisdom and teach us how to protect the best, and restore the rest of your rivers and mountains, seas and prairies, wetlands and forests. Guide us in living sustainably, being satisfied that “enough” is enough of a feast, and not consuming more than we need. Guide us to repair and replace what you once deemed ‘Very Good’: our habitat, climate, and food web. Send your spirit over the waters again; stir us to action, justice, and wise choices. We pray we can be a part of bringing back creation to glory and peace...**

*Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection*

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

Louise Moore-Williams

**Great and awesome God, you are great in power and in wonder. We celebrate your works of creation this day. As you made the heavens and the earth, you declared all the things you had made ‘Very Good.’ We humans are also your creation, and we long to be good, just as you created us to be. Grant that we may see the world as good, just as you declared it good, and help us to love it and care for it, to your glory. Now grant us the openness to hear your good news through the reading of this scripture and the preaching of your word. Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalm 65:5-13

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps.*

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-31

SERMON

“Our Very Good, Fragile Home”

Anna Grace Claunch

VOLUNTARY

*Gott des Himmels und der Erden*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*We welcome Catherine Kassenoff into membership by reaffirmation of faith!*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Sasha Nahr

**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!***

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rummage Sale Committee

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Arr. Debbie Vinick

Debra Whitman, harp

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 22

*God of the Sparrow*

\*BENEDICTION

May the Spirit move us to protect the Very Good that God has made.

**May our Creator show us the way to live more gently, and restore our home.**

And may we cherish all creatures of earth, sea, and sky.

**We will work to make a healthy space for all, until our Risen Savior returns and makes all things new. And let God again say:**

**“It is Very Good!”**

POSTLUDE

*Cello Sonata No. 1: Allegro  
non troppo*  
Virginia McKinney, cello

Johannes Brahms

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Upcoming Events*

Volunteers are still needed to help out with LAC's **Rummage Sale!** Sign up here:



We will **accept Rummage Sale donations** today, Sunday, April 24 (12PM-4PM), Monday, April 25 (9AM-12PM), and Tuesday, April 26 (9AM-12PM). For full donation guidelines, please see our website: <https://www.lacny.org/events/rummage-sale>.

*Welcome to Worship*

**Today's bulletin cover** (and art installation) was created by our TGIF and SHIFT students using old bulletins and other recycled materials!

**Music Notes:** Brahms composed his first cello sonata between 1862 and 1865. The opening theme of the first movement is a homage to Bach, taken from that composer's Art of the Fugue. When Brahms offered it to his publisher, he described it as “a violoncello sonata which, as far as both instruments are concerned, is certainly not difficult to play,” a statement which you can ask Virginia to verify after today's postlude.

This is a substantial work for the cello, which is the polite way of saying that the postlude may be a bit longer than usual today; it is, however, well worth the time invested in its listening.

Douglas Kostner, *Director of Music Ministry*

## *Christian Education*

**Sunday School News:** Preschool-Fifth grade students are invited to the library following the Children's Message for a time of fun, faith formation, and fellowship! Today, we'll share a special lesson about caring for creation. Parents may pick up kids from the library following worship.

**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.

Confirmation Class will meet in the Youth Center promptly after worship at 11:15 a.m. for a discussion about Polity and Church

Both **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet this Wednesday, April 27! As usual, middle schoolers will gather at 5:00 p.m.; high school students will join for a shared dinner at 6:00 p.m.; and then **SHIFT** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Anna Grace Claunch at [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **May 5** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room. Please direct any questions to Arthur Washington at [ajwash3@outlook.com](mailto:ajwash3@outlook.com).

LAC's chapter of **Bible Study Fellowship** (the Westchester Woman's Day Group) will meet this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Please reach out to LAC liaison Stacy Brandom for more information!

This Week at LAC:

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
10:20 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.

**APRIL 24**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)  
Sunday School (Library)  
Coffee Hour (Lindsley Room)  
Confirmation Class (Youth Center)  
Donation Collection (Russell Hall)

**MONDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**APRIL 25**

Donation Collection (Russell Hall)  
Session (Library)

**TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
6:45 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.

**APRIL 26**

Donation Collection (Russell Hall)  
Al Anon (Library)  
Welcoming Committee (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.

**APRIL 27**

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**APRIL 28**

Bible Study Fellowship (Zoom)  
Rummage Sale (Russell Hall/ Carhart)  
AA (Chapel)

**FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m.

**APRIL 29**

Rummage Sale (Russell Hall / Carhart)

**SATURDAY**

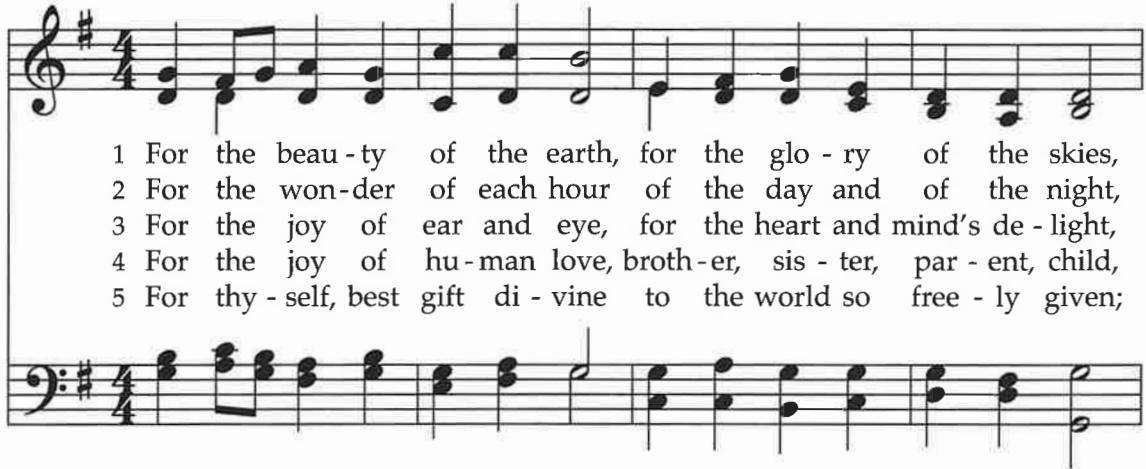
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**APRIL 30**

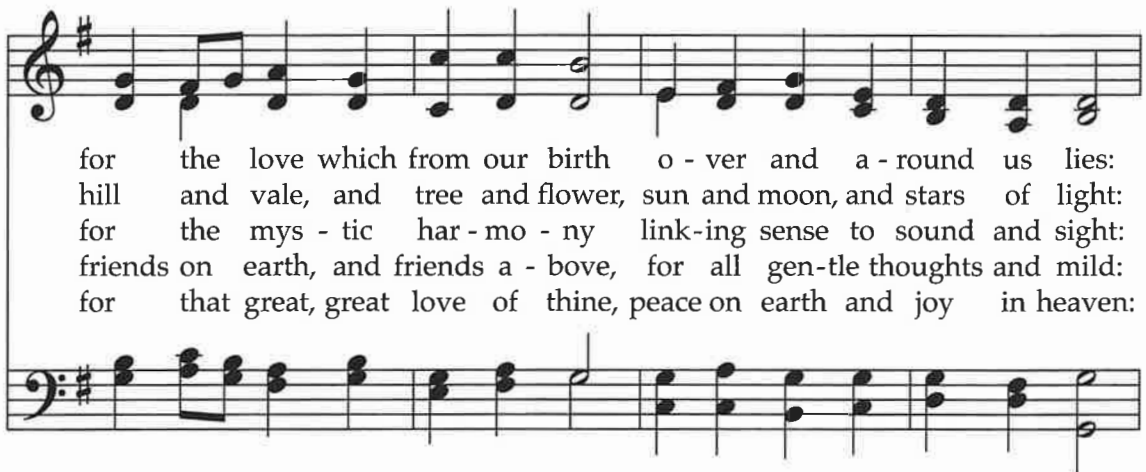
Rummage Sale (Russell Hall / Carhart)



# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

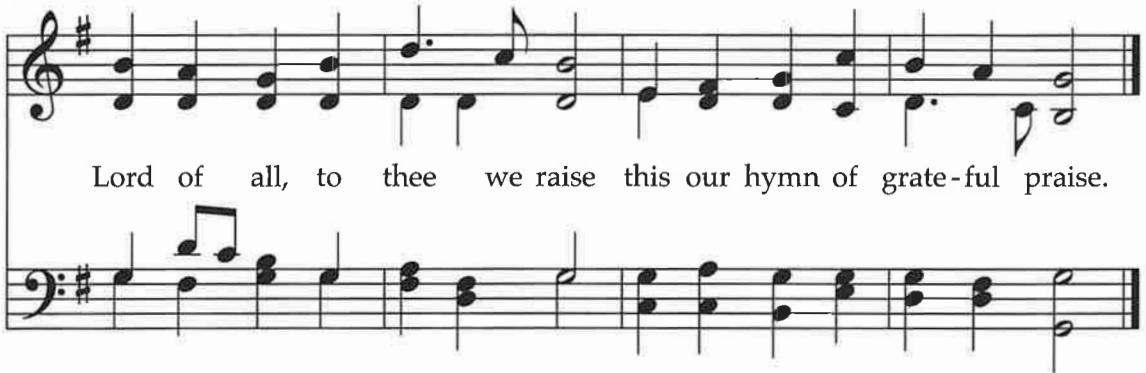


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.



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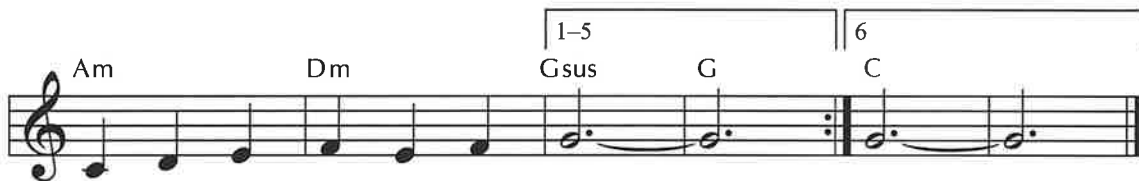
## God of the Sparrow



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
2	God	of	the	earth - quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the
3	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl - ing	stars	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Awe
trum - pet	blast	How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Woe
emp - ty	grave	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Grace
prod - i - gal		How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Care
prun - ing	hook	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Love
lov - ing	heart	How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Save
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Thanks
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Life
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.