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Confirmation & Youth Sunday

May 15, 2022

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
CONFIRMATION & YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 15, 2022

PRELUDE

The Swan

Camille Saint-Saëns

John Sykes, cello

WELCOME

Katie Sykes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace.

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elise Carpenter

God, you scatter seeds of hope, abundance, and new life, but we have mixed some of our own seeds—seeds of fear, greed, and apathy. Then seeing our mistake, we have tried to purify the garden. We have pushed out brothers and sisters, built walls that isolate, and made rules that hurt. Forgive our anxious weeding, O God, and help us stay grounded in your love, so that we might grow to only produce kindness and compassion. Show us how to cultivate fruitfulness and hospitality, a place of peace and grace. Teach us to trust your skill, master gardener, and to see your kingdom come. Amen.

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.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

OPENING SENTENCES

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Elder Storey West

John Madison Sykes V
Son of Mary and John Madison Sykes IV

QUESTIONS FOR BAPTISMAL CANDIDATE & CONGREGATION

PRAYER

BAPTISM & WELCOME

HYMN 484, verse 2

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

***Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,
is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.***

*THE PEACE

Kate Bynum

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Luke West

Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:16-19

Pew Bible NT pg. 192

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kate Bynum

The children of the church are invited to gather on the chancel steps.

GOSPEL

Revelation 18:1-24

Pew Bible NT pg. 256

SERMON

Caitlyn Carpenter

VOLUNTARY

*Thy Word Is Like a Garden,
Lord*

Arr. Rebecca Bonam

Melanie Huang, Flute

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

INTRODUCTION OF 2022 CONFIRMANDS

Reid Chapski, William DeFelice, Griffin Moore, James Regan, John Sykes, Henry Bohn, Jayden Wrappah, and Henry Kane

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heave, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Ronan West

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

Melanie Huang

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Thomas Quigley

Quartetto Trattino

Lauren Lee, violin; Caitlyn Carpenter, viola;

Sarah Rivas, cello; Benjamin Wien, piano

*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

Melanie Huang

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Piano Quartet, Op. 3: Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

Quartetto Trattino

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: LAC's **Church Picnic** returns on June 12th! Sign up to bring a side dish or share your grill-master skills here: <https://bit.ly/3FBgeck>

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover features snapshots from TGIF, SHIFT, and this year's confirmation class!

Christian Education

Sunday School News: This week, children are invited to remain in worship to learn from our youth leaders!

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. *Please note that our nursery care provider will be away next week, May 22.*

Both **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet this Wednesday, **May 18!** 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.

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **May 19** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room. Please direct any questions to Arthur Washington at ajwash3@outlook.com.

LAC's chapter of **Bible Study Fellowship** (the Westchester Woman's Day Group) has concluded their programming for this academic year.

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
10:20 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.

MAY 15

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Library)
Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
Westchester Children's Chorus (Sanctuary)

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

MAY 16

Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

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

MAY 17

Board of Education Budget Vote (Russell Hall)
Al Anon (Library)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

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

MAY 18

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
TGIF (Youth Center)
Dinner (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Youth Center)

THURSDAY

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

MAY 19

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

FRIDAY

MAY 20

SATURDAY

3:00 p.m.

MAY 21

Midnight Run (Russell)

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.