



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 22, 2022

PRELUDE

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Richard Proulx

INTROIT

*Jubilate Deo*

Michael Praetorius

*Jubilate Deo! Alleluia!*  
*(Rejoice in the Lord! Alleluia!)*

WELCOME

Anna Grace Claunch

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus offers us peace,  
**So that we will not be afraid.**  
The Holy Spirit reminds us,  
**We are never alone.**  
God makes a home among us,  
**Because God loves us.**  
Let us worship the Triune God.

\*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Grace giving God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet, even with the Advocate to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every time we fail, speak to us again of your truths. Keep telling us over and over again, so that one day soon, we hear your words and believe. 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.***

\*THE PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alexandra LeClere

**God, author of our lives, as we listen now to the words of your story in scripture, we ask that you might continue your story in us. As we listen, guide our understanding. And as we understand, guide our lives as we seek to respond in faith. Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalm 109:21-31

*Pew Bible OT pg. 561*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

### SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Pew Bible OT pg. 191

### SERMON

“Ending to Begin”

Anna Grace Claunch

### ANTHEM

*I Waited for the Lord*

Felix Mendelssohn

Roseanne Ackerley and Shawn Jeffery, soloists

*I waited for the Lord; He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.*

*O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.*

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & 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](http://lacny.org/giving) or via the Realm Connect app.*

### OFFERTORY

*Pisgah*

Arr. Dale Wood

*(When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,  
I'll bid farewell to every fear and wipe my weeping eyes.)*

### \*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

*Promised Land*

### \*HYMN

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*I Am Bound for the Promised Land*

Arr. Rebecca Bonam

Melanie Huang, flute



# 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

SAMUEL STENNET.



1. On Jordan's storm-y banks I stand, And cast a wish-ful eye
2. All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains Shines one e - ter - nal day ;
3. No chill-ing winds or poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore ;
4. When shall I reach that hap-py place, And be for - ev - er blest ?



To Ca-naan's fair and hap - py land, Where my pos-ses-sions lie.  
 There God, the Sun for - ev - er reigns, And scatters night a - way.  
 Sick - ness and sor-row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.  
 When shall I see my Fa-ther's face, And in His bo - som rest ?

**REFRAIN.**

I am bound for the promised land, ..... I am bound for the promised land ;  
 promised land,



O, who will come and go with me, I am bound for the promised land.



## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Upcoming Events*

There will be a memorial service for **Steve Williams** at LAC on Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Save the Date: LAC's **Church Picnic** returns on June 12<sup>th</sup>! 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 "Moses" from Elena Kotliarker's *Patriarch's of Faith* series.

Sometimes children have to sit through church longer than their little bodies can handle, so we created **Worship Wiggle Bags**! These bags can be found in the back of the sanctuary and they contain activities that help our youngest disciples engage and participate in the service, and most importantly, they help teach our kids that "big church" is for them, too. After using a Worship Wiggle Bag, please put everything back inside the bag and return it, so we can make sure we have plenty of bags stocked and ready for next week's worship wiggles!

**Music Notes:** The funny-looking notes in this week's closing hymn come from an early American tradition of notation meant to assist people to read music. The shape of the note indicates its pitch relative to the scale the tune is based on, so there is no need to memorize different key signatures or even the names of the notes on the staff. Even better, there were only four shapes for four syllables, not seven: Fa, So, La, and Si. Fa, So, and La repeat in the scale, and Si is the leading tone. That might sound complicated, but it essentially allows you to sing a melody in any key with the knowledge of just four note shapes. Brilliant! And don't worry, you can still read it the way you are used to today, with the interesting shapes added for your enjoyment. Want to learn more? Look up "Sacred Harp" and "Fasola singing."

Douglas Kostner, *Director of Music Ministry*

### *Christian Education*

**Sunday School News:** All preschoolers—fifth graders are invited to the library after the Children's Message for a time of fun and faith formation!

Today, there will not be **Nursery Care** as our care team is travelling. (Nursery Care will resume next week, May 29!)

Both **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet this Wednesday, **May 25**, for our final Youth Group gatherings of this school year! 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, **June 2** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room. Please direct any questions to Arthur Washington at [ajwash3@outlook.com](mailto:ajwash3@outlook.com).

This Week at LAC:

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**MONDAY**

7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

2:00 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

11:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**MAY 22**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Sunday School (Library)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

**MAY 23**

Session (Library)

**MAY 24**

Youth Ministry Committee (Zoom)

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

**MAY 25**

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

LAC Preschool Spring Fair (Forest Park Ave)

TGIF (Youth Center)

Dinner (Youth Center)

SHIFT (Youth Center)

Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

**MAY 26**

Westchester Children's Chorus (Sanctuary/Russell)

AA (Chapel)

Worship Committee (Zoom)

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