



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 24, 2022

PRELUDE

*When I Am Baptized*

Marshall McDonald

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us hear what the Lord our God speaks:

**God speaks peace to God's people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

We seek our peace and our life in Christ,

**because we are rooted and built up in Him. In Him all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God!

\*HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Anna Grace Claunch

**Gracious God, we humbly confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be. We seek peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those around us. We root our lives in the things of this world instead of grounding our being in You.**

**Help us to build our lives on your sure foundation. Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning to you, we may seek unity, discover peace, and share your love with the world...**

*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 (*unison*)

Barbara Flickinger

**O 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 1 *Pew Bible OT pg. 489*  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bynum  
SCRIPTURE Colossians 2:6-15 *Pew Bible NT pg. 200*  
SERMON "Rooted and Built Up" Rev. Bynum  
\*HYMN 816 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*  
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER Anna Grace Claunch

**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, the power, and the 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 *How Firm a Foundation* Kristen Campbell  
Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

\*DOXOLOGY *Hymn 607*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all peoples here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sonata 1 in G Major: Allegro moderato* J.S. Bach  
Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Upcoming Events*

All are invited to join us for **Coffee Hour** following worship! Thank you to our Deacons and Welcoming Committee for collaborating to make Coffee Hour a success!

### *Welcome to Worship*

**Today's bulletin cover** is "Neither Praise nor Disgrace" by Erika Pochybova Johnson.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Laura Torrisi (laura.torrisi@torrisidesign.com) to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!

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!

### *Christian Education*

**Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

The **Men's Bible Study** will take a break for summer—see y'all in the fall!

This Week at LAC:

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**JULY 24**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

Visitation for Lillian Christensen (Off-site)

**MONDAY**

3:00 p.m.

**JULY 25**

STEM Robotics Camp (Carhart)

**TUESDAY**

3:00 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

**JULY 26**

STEM Robotics Camp (Carhart)

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY**

11:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

**JULY 27**

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

STEM Robotics Camp (Carhart)

**THURSDAY**

3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**JULY 28**

STEM Robotics Camp (Carhart)

AA (Chapel)

**FRIDAY**

3:00 p.m.

**JULY 29**

STEM Robotics Camp (Carhart)



# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

## Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

*Refrain*

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be  
 sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song  
 un - to the Lord, sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -  
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord. And play for God on  
 now has come. He has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

This loose paraphrase effectively conveys the joyful tone of Psalm 98, largely by incorporating allusions to many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.



## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.