



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 7, 2022

PRELUDE

Siciliano by Bach

Arr. Bemiss and Balfour

Debra Whitman, harp

WELCOME

Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

By faith, we venture into a life of uncertainty.

By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.

By faith, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.

By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.

By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.

*HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. 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 (*unison*)

Janet Smith

Your Word guides every step of our journey, God. Help us be attentive to your Word read and proclaimed today, so we can hear your message and respond with love and grace. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 50:1-8

Pew Bible OT pg. 518

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VOLUNTARY

Divinum Mysterium

Daniel Burton

Debra Whitman, harp

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Pew Bible NT pg. 225

SERMON

“Embracing the Unknown”

Anna Grace Claunch

*HYMN 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

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, 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 or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY

Dunlap's Creek

Kris Rizzotto

*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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

Rhett Barnwell

Debra Whitman, harp

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!

Chronicles of a Viola: Join us on Friday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for Caitlyn Carpenter's senior recital! Part lecture, part performance, Caitlyn will play viola pieces written by baroque, romantic, and contemporary composers and share each of their histories as well as some musical details to help listeners follow along. The concert will be about an hour and there will be a small reception in Russel Hall immediately following—all are welcome!

Save the date: LAC's **Block Party and Sunday School Kick-off** will take place on September 11! Sign-up now to bring a side dish or volunteer to help with set-up:

<https://signup.com/go/hEfwAh>.

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "God, the Divine Architect," from *Bible Moralisee*, Codex Vindobonensis 2554, c.1250 (vellum).

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

Calling all rising 8th graders! It's time for **Confirmation!** If you have a child who will be in the 8th grade this fall, please reach out to Anna Grace at agclaunch@lacny.org to sign them up for this year's Confirmation class.

There will be a **Sunday School Playdate** on August 21 immediately following worship! Join us for a time of fellowship and snacks at the Chatsworth Playground.

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

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

AUGUST 7

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY

AUGUST 8

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

AUGUST 9

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

AUGUST 10

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 11

AA (Chapel)

FRIDAY

AUGUST 12

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.

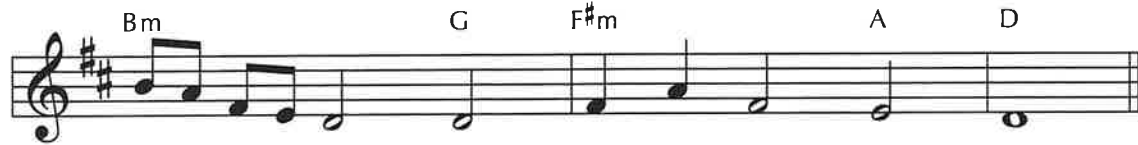
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

850 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark-ness, long be-fore the first
 2 Though our world is ev-er-chang-ing, you are con-stant, firm,
 3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast-ing on-ly in your match-
 4 God of Ha-gar, God of Sa-rah, God of no-mad A-



light shone, you, O God, be-yond all mer-it worked a
 and sure, faith-ful to your cov-enant prom-ise. Trust-ing
 less grace, send-ing Christ to dwell a-mong us, Word made
 bra-ham; God of Mir-yam, God of Mo-ses, Fi-ery



won-der faith makes known: in your mer-cy, in your
 you, we live, se-cure: sing-ing prais-es, sing-ing
 flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav-ior, Friend and
 Pil-lar, great I AM: lead us home-ward, lead us



mer-cy, you em-braced us as your own,
 prais-es, long as heart and breath en-dure,
 Sav-ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
 home-ward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,



ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거둔나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴