



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 21, 2022

PRELUDE

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Arr. Thomas Quigley

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Ben Wien, piano

WELCOME

Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O LORD, we take our refuge; let us never be put to shame.

God is our rock and our refuge, a strong and mighty fortress.

For you, O Lord, are our hope and our trust, and it has always been so.

From our birth we have leaned upon you.

Beloved, people of light, come; the Lord is our hope.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives.

We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect

the needs of others, and we are unable to free ourselves from the burdens of our sin.

We need your help to live as we should.

In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us. Turn us to your way and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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*)

Dale Kelly

Living God, the story of your love is the story of our liberation. As your Word is read

and proclaimed today, draw us into the freedom that we find only in you, through

Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 71:1-6

Pew Bible OT pg. 532

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 *Pew Bible NT pg. 76*

SERMON "Quite Unable to Stand Up Straight" Dr. Bynum

*HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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 *Rock of Ages* Arr. Al Roberts

Rich Williams, trombone; Ben Wien, piano

*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 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O God, Who Gives Us Life* Franklin Ashdown

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!

Save the date: LAC's **Block Party and Sunday School Kick-off** will take place on September 11! All are welcome to join in this free event—invite a friend or neighbor! Sign-up now to bring a side dish or volunteer to help with set-up: <https://signup.com/go/hEfwWAh>.

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to worship together, both in person, and with folks joining via livestream.

Today's bulletin cover is “Woman with an Infirmity of Eighteen Years” by James Tissot.

While we have had less frequent floral arrangements this summer, our goal is to have flowers for worship every week in September. If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the Office (LACoffice@lacny.org) 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** TODAY 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.

11:00 a.m.

AUGUST 21

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

Sunday School Playdate (Chatsworth Playground)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 22

Session (Library)

TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

AUGUST 23

Election (Russell Hall)

Al Anon (Library)

Finance Committee (Classroom 204)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

AUGUST 24

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 25

AA (Chapel)

FRIDAY

AUGUST 26

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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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.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
 Text © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

745 Now Go in Joy

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all peo - ple have

heard: God em - brac - es all! Fol - low, then, the dis -

*May be sung as a canon.

With its themes of bearing witness in the world, this lively sending song works especially well when sung in canon. The tune name refers to a street parade with music that occurs in many Bahamian towns on Boxing Day (December 26), New Year's Day, and sometimes in the summer.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2004
 MUSIC: Caribbean folk melody; arr. Jorge Lockward, 2001
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JUNKANOO
 Irregular

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re-vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).