



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 28, 2022

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Major

Cesar Franck

Sanae Miyazaki

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From James 4

Scripture tells us that “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Here in this place, we submit ourselves to God.

“Draw near to God,” says the Word, “and God will draw near to you.”

Here in this place, we cleanse our hands and seek purity in our hearts.

In humility and faith, your “laughter will be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection.”

Here in this place, we humble ourselves before the Lord so that we might be raised up.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 401

Here in this Place

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a path that is humble, a way that seeks the good of others.

We confess that too often we follow our own paths and go our own ways;

we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others;

we claim places of honor for our own selfish ends.

Free us from pride, greed, and coldness of heart.

Help us to live humbly, graciously, and in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...

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*)

John Irving

As we open the Word to hear it read and proclaimed, we affirm that this wisdom is inspired by God; that it is useful for our teaching; and that with these words God is training us in the way of righteousness.

Breathe your life into these words, O Lord, and equip to love and serve in your name, Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

Pew Bible OT pg. 541

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible NT pg. 77

SERMON

“Give This Person Your Place”

Dr. Bynum

*HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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

*Adagio Cantabile
from Sonata Op.13*

Ludwig van Beethoven

*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 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

Flor Peeters

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.

Thank you to our **guest musician**, Sanae Miyazaki, for enhancing our worship with beautiful music!

Today's bulletin cover is "Luke 14 Banquet" by Hyatt Moore.

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.

Sunday School Kicks Off on September 11! Register your preschoolers-fifth graders now at: <https://bit.ly/3CnErTN>

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to teach Sunday School! We are grateful for the patience, humor, and care that you bring to nurturing our children's curiosity and faith! There will be mandatory **teacher training** on September 7.

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.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 28

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

AUGUST 29

AUGUST 30

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

AUGUST 31

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

SEPTEMBER 1

AA (Chapel)

SEPTEMBER 2

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)

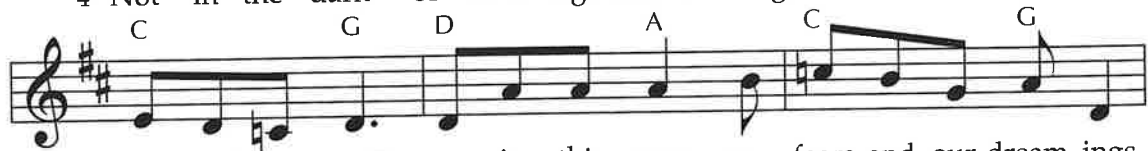
You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



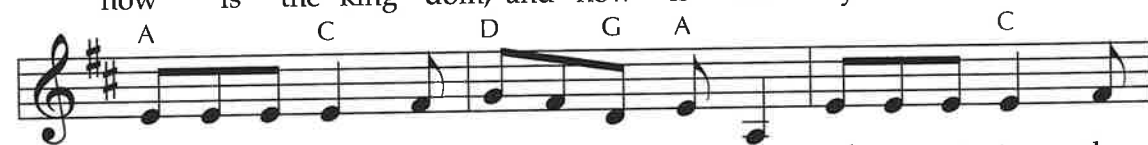
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



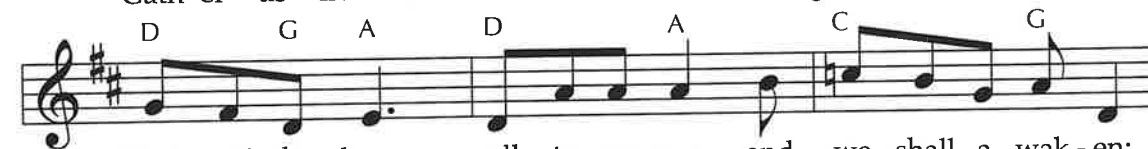
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

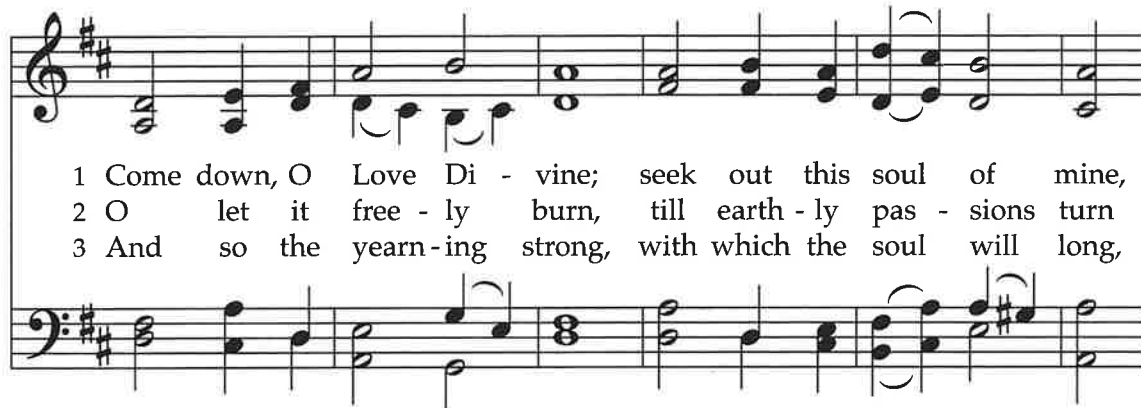


With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

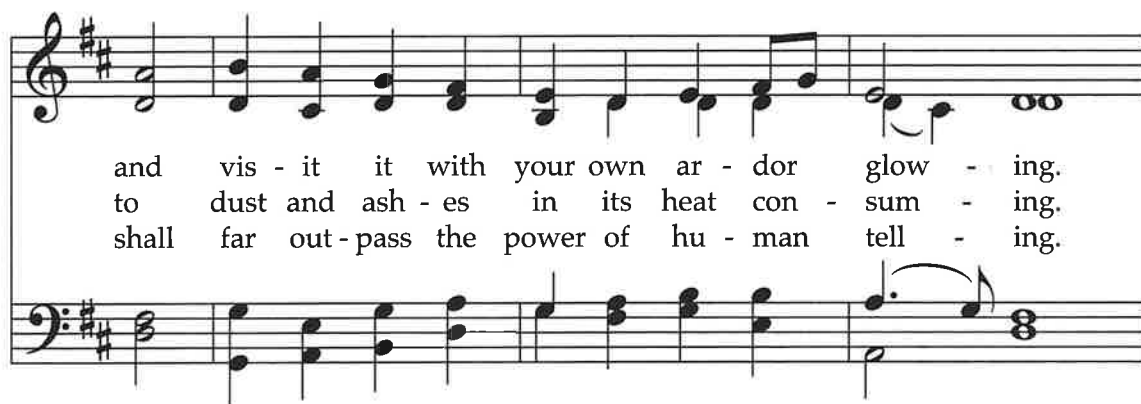


The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propoganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

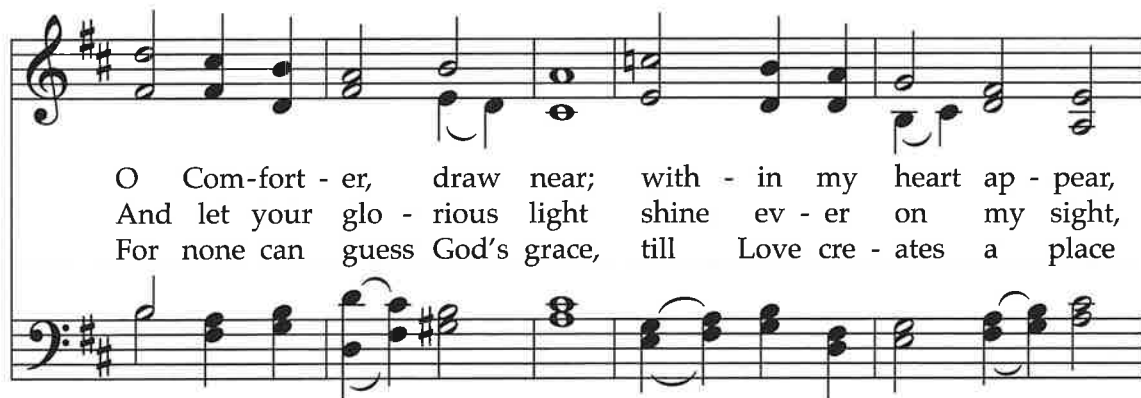
282 Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.