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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

PRELUDE

Mit Freuden zart

Jacob Weber

WELCOME

Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits.

And also with yours.

We enter God's house with joy,

so that our hearts might be refreshed and we may be encouraged on the Way.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting!

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough. Sin is real, and we are powerless before it.

Forgive us, Lord, for thinking we know best. Search our hearts and mend our broken values. Create in us clean hearts so that we might show your grace to the world – not by compulsion, but on the basis of love, to the glory of your holy name...

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*)

Theresa Campion

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, so that in hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 139: 1-10, 23-24

Pew Bible OT pg. 577

EPISTLE

Philemon 1-21

Pew Bible NT pg. 215

SERMON

“Private Matters / Public Choices”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*HYMN 410

God is Calling through the Whisper

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

(congregation singing)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!*

... Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & 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 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

Psalm 139:11-12

Herbert Howells

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

*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 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

Dale Wood

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** will take place on September 11! While the event is free, we invite all to bring a donation for HOPE's food pantry. Sign-up now to bring a side dish or help with set-up: <https://signup.com/go/hEfwAh>.

Save the Date: on September 18, we'll gather at 3:00 p.m. for a special worship service for Anna Grace's **ordination and installation!** We look forward to celebrating Anna Grace's gifts for ministry with our Hudson River Presbytery neighbors.

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 "A Slave Returned" by Fr. Robert R. Beck.

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

We'll mark the beginning of the school year by praying over our students and teachers with a special **blessing of the backpacks** on September 11! Students, teachers, and lifelong learners are invited to bring their schoolbags (or whatever best represents learning to you—be it your kindle, laptop, etc.) to worship as we dedicate ourselves to continued growth and learning this academic year.

We will present our **fourth graders with their very own Bibles** on September 18. Send a note to Anna Grace (agclaunch@lacny.org) to RSVP your fourth grader, or to make alternative arrangements for pick-up if your family will be out of town.

Calling all rising 8th graders—it's time for **Confirmation!** We'll gather for an **orientation meeting** for parents and students on Sunday, September 18 immediately following worship.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Youth Group for middle school and senior high students will launch on Wednesday, September 14!

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

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

All Day

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 4

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day (Office Closed)

SEPTEMBER 6

Al Anon (Library)

Deacons (Zoom)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

SEPTEMBER 7

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

Sunday School Teacher Training (Library)

Chancel Choir (Russell)

SEPTEMBER 8

Church & Community Committee (Lindsley)

AA (Chapel)

SEPTEMBER 9

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

Sing Out, My Soul

Magnificat

646

G C D7 G (chords continue)
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Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi -

glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul.
cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat.

Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

**May be sung as a canon.*

This canonic chant from the Taizé Community is based on the opening phrase of Mary's song when she visited her relative Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-56). Both Eastern and Western churches have used the full text for many centuries as part of daily prayers.

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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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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