

The Larchmont Avenue Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

Edie Linneweber

Ben Wien, piano

INTROIT

The Lord Gives Wisdom

Douglas Kostner

*For the Lord gives wisdom; wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this morning, and on every morning,
we are surrounded by God's grace.
In these moments, and in every moment,
we are called to costly discipleship by Jesus.
Throughout this day, and every day,
we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN 401

Here in this Place

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Anna Grace Claunch

Gracious God of all, we gather in this time of new beginnings and renewed commitments, grateful that you love us just as we are, and that you love us too much to let us stay just as we are. And yet we resist growth and change, and cling to the patterns and habits that we know. We keep ourselves small and closed off because it feels safer that way. We call Jesus "Messiah" with our lips, but do not reflect this reality with the shape and stuff of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and awaken us to the movement of your Spirit in our midst. Expand our hearts, minds and lives with your wisdom, so that we may open ourselves to the fullness of your call and claim upon us. Guide us by your grace, so that we may follow you wherever you may lead us, in the way of Jesus our Messiah. 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*)

Sasha Nahr

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 2:1-11

Pew Bible OT pg. 585

VOLUNTARY

Jesus Loves Me

John Carter

Ben Wien and Douglas Kostner, piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

PSALTER

Psalms 139: 1-6; 13-18

Pew Bible OT pg. 577

SERMON

“Swaddled”

Anna Grace Claunch

*HYMN 487

These Treasured Children

9/11 PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord of compassion, draw near to us now and hear our prayers as we mark the 21st anniversary of one of the darkest days in our history, the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer... and help us remember.

First and foremost, Lord, we remember those individuals who died— office workers, firefighters, police officers, airline passengers, flight crews, and those who were on duty at the Pentagon – soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and women, and defense department personnel. Help us to honor their memory and never forget.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer... and help us remember.

We also remember the families and friends of the victims who continue to mourn the loss of parents, children, husbands, wives, and companions. We also remember the churches who lost faithful members in the violence, as well as the churches who provided shelter and solace to victims, first responders, and caregivers.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer... and help us remember.

We remember the other nations who also lost citizens in the tragedy of September 11th, as well as the many countries who offered prayers, gave support, and stood by us in our grief. God of all nations, as we mourn the violence that continues to rage across the globe, we ask you to draw us together into your holy unity as brothers and sisters who share the world you have created.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer... and help us remember.

(Continued)

We remember today the legislators, executives, judges, and officials who have been given authority to lead us. Give them a measure of your wisdom and knowledge of your will for the world. Help them to remember that they serve a public trust that surpasses personal gain or glory. Give them eyes to see that no nation lives for itself alone, and that all are responsible to you for peace and the well-being of all your children.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer... and help us remember.

Eternal God, help us – both as individuals and as the body of Christ -- to remember our calling as your disciples. In the cacophony of today’s world, help us to hear and recognize the still small voice of God, the patient call of the Good Shepherd, and the whisper of the Holy Spirit, so that we might follow in the Way of peace, faith, hope and love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer... and help us remember.

Keep, guard, and bless these sacred memories, Lord, and help us ponder them in our hearts. Even in tragedy, help us to look to Christ as our guide, our redeemer, and the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. As we follow in the way of the cross, hear us as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us to pray, saying...

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; and 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

To Sing Once More

Craig Courtney

*Awake our souls to sing once more
The songs that long have silent been.
From troubled nights and fearful days,
Our notes of praise and joy begin.
Inspired by hope, compelled by grace,
We sing your everlasting praise.
Most holy God, your song we seek
And trust in your unchanging ways.*

*With comfort, your eternal voice
Is music to our fainting soul.
It speaks in times if hurt and wrong,
It whispers peace, it makes us whole.*

*Arise, his children, rise again,
Your God and Maker now adore.
No longer silent, lift your voice,
Awake your souls to sing once more,
Awake our souls to sing once more.*

*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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kelvingrove

C. E. Walz

Ben Wien, piano

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Today's the day—we'll gather outside on Forest Park Avenue immediately following worship for LAC's **Block Party!** Thank you to the Welcoming Committee and the many volunteers who helped to make this event possible!

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.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Larchmont Avenue Church? There will be a **New Member Class** (and luncheon) following worship on September 25 to explore our basic beliefs, governance, and how we live out our faith at LAC. RSVP to mmajor@lacny.org by 9/21 to help us make lunch arrangements!

LAC's new **Family Movie Night** ministry will begin with a screening of *Encanto* at 7:00 p.m. on September 30! Admission is free, but concessions will be available as a mission fundraiser.

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 "No Mistakes Here" by Julie Shematz.

The flowers this morning are given by Mary Jane and Harold Bynum in loving memory of the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and with gratitude for the ministry of Larchmont Avenue Church.

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. 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 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.

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.

Youth Group returns this week! Middle Schoolers (TGIF) will gather at 5:00 p.m.; high school students will join for a combined dinner at 6:00 p.m.; then SHIFT will meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Sunday School begins today! Children ages 3-10 are invited to the library following the Blessing of the Backpacks for a time of fellowship and faith formation!

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 resume this Wednesday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
10:20 a.m. Sunday School (Library)
11:00 a.m. Block Party (Forest Park Ave)
5:00 p.m. 9/11 Memorial (Girl Scout Rock)

SEPTEMBER 11

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m. Al Anon (Library)
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Classroom 202)
7:15 p.m. AA (Chapel / Zoom)
7:30 p.m. Westchester Chorale (Russell)

SEPTEMBER 13

WEDNESDAY

ALL DAY First Day of School (LAC Preschool)
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 p.m. TGIF (Youth Center)
6:00 pm. Dinner (Youth Center)
6:30 p.m. SHIFT (Youth Center)
7:30 p.m. Symphonia (Chapel)
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir (Russell)

SEPTEMBER 14

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
4:00 p.m. Westchester Children's Chorus (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. AA (Chapel)

SEPTEMBER 15

FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. Woman's Club (Carhart)

SEPTEMBER 16

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m. Larchmont Day (Constitution Park)

SEPTEMBER 17

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
10:20 a.m. Sunday School (Library)
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Russell)
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Meeting (Chapel)
3:00 p.m. Ordination & Installation (Sanctuary / Online)
4:30 p.m. Reception (Russell)

SEPTEMBER 18

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)

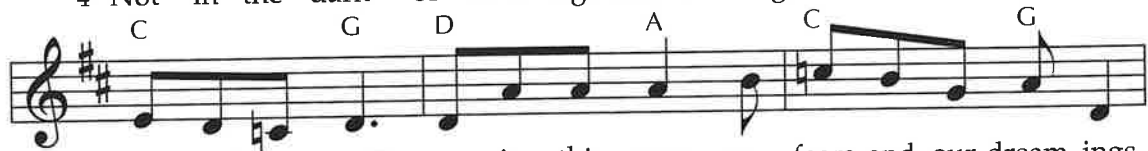
You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



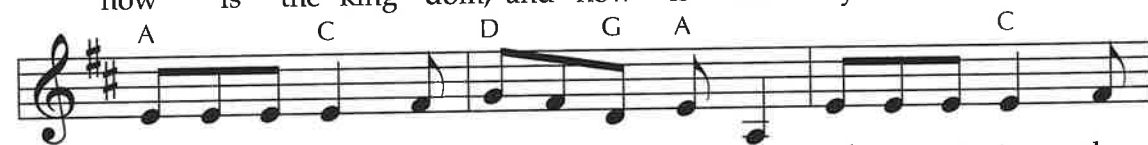
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



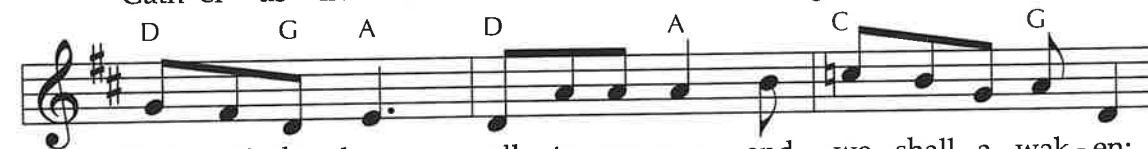
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



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.

These Treasured Children

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1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them

us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.