

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON RIVER

The Service of Ordination and Installation for

Anna Grace Claunch

as Associate Pastor of
Larchmont Avenue Church



The Larchmont Avenue Church


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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb



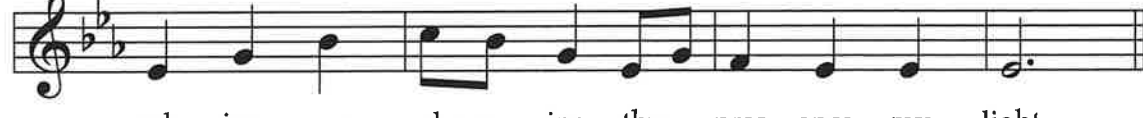
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Slane

Arr. Thomas Quigley

Elyse Mullen, violin; Lydia Leizman, viola; Andrew Kromholz, cello

PRESENTATION

Moderator Yzette Swavy-Lipton

GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called by the Spirit to glorify God,

so that all may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action.

It is by this that we will know we are from the truth.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;

everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

In love and in joy, let us worship God!

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people, to embody your love in the world in deep and profound ways: breaking down barriers, challenging oppressive systems, and proclaiming your good news in word and deed. Still, we confess that far too often we are hesitant to truly live out the radical, table-toppling love you call us toward. We protect our own interests, we ignore hard truths, and we resist discomfort. Holy God, forgive us when we only want to answer part of your call. Empower us with your spirit to boldly meet these challenges, encourage us when we falter, and journey with us as we pursue the messy, complicated work of the kingdom of God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Katherine Pater

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’, and to the south, ‘Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.’

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 4:1; 5-10

Rev. Dr. Paul Seelman

Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Earthenware Treasures”

Rev. Dr. Paul Seelman

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

LITANY OF GIFTS

(Romans 12:4-8; 11-13)

Rev. Natalie Wolf

As in one body we have many parts, and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,

live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely.

Let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, resilient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

Yzette Swavy-Lipton

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that Christ's ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the Presbytery of Hudson River, by means of this commission, now ordains Anna Grace Claunch to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people?

Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Kate Bynum

Do we, the members of Larchmont Avenue church, accept Anna Grace as our Associate Pastor chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

We do and we will.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION & LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Rev. Anne Apple

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

RESPONDING & SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

Deb Milcarek

This offering benefits the Scholarship Fund of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Clergy Support Fund of the Commission on Ministry to Presbytery of the Presbytery of Hudson River. Please make checks payable to: Presbytery of the Hudson River, or, give online at lacny.org/giving by selecting "Installation" from the fund menu.

OFFERTORY

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Arr. Hyunsung Lee

* DOXOLOGY

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

Deb Milcarek

SENDING

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

POSTLUDE

Piano Quartet No. 3: Rondo Ludwig van Beethoven

All are invited to a reception following the service in Russell Hall.

THE COMMISSION

Yzette Swavy-Lipton	<i>Moderator, Hudson River Presbytery</i>
Deborah Milcarek	<i>General Presbyter, Hudson River Presbytery</i>
Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum	<i>Head of Staff, Larchmont Avenue Church</i>
Rev. Dr. Paul Seelman	<i>Head of Staff, Huguenot Memorial Church</i>
Rev. Katherine Pater	<i>Associate Pastor, Hitchcock Presbyterian Church</i>

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Anne HK Apple	<i>At-Large, Presbytery of the Mid-South</i>
Rev. Natalie Wolf	<i>Head of Staff, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Starkville, MS), St. Andrew Presbytery</i>
Kate Bynum	<i>Larchmont Avenue Church Youth</i>

Thank you to LAC's Youth Group for Ushering!

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

Thank you for celebrating this momentous occasion with Larchmont Avenue Church! We'd love to see you again sometime soon! Mark your calendar for these upcoming special events:

SEPTEMBER 30	Family Movie Night: <i>Encanto</i>	<i>The whole family is welcome for an evening of fun and fellowship!</i>
OCTOBER 16	Children's Sabbath	<i>We look forward to our youngest community members leading us in worship!</i>
NOVEMBER 6	Blessing of the Animals	<i>Your fluffy, scaly, and feathered companions are invited for a special afternoon service!</i>
NOVEMBER 4	Advent Workshop & Hanging of the Greens	<i>Join LAC for an afternoon of fellowship, beloved carols, and crafts for all ages!</i>