



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

PRELUDE

*On Eagle's Wings*

Arr. Janet Witman

Debra Whitman, Harp

INTROIT

*Psalm 91:2*

Douglas Kostner

*The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Psalm 119)*

Oh, Lord, how we love your law!

**Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!**

Your commandments give us wisdom, for they are always with us.

**Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!**

We understand more than the aged, for we keep your precepts.

**Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!**

How sweet are your words to our taste, sweeter than honey to our mouths!

**Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!**

Let us rejoice in your Word through our worship today!

\*HYMN 307

*God of Grace, and God of Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.**

**You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now.**

**Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ...**

*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*)

Kim Larsen

**Lord, in your Word you have given us so much: the law of Moses, the passion of the Prophets, the beauty of the Psalms, the wisdom of the Proverbs, the power of the Gospels, the acts of the Apostles, and the faith of the Epistles. As your holy Word is read and proclaimed today, help us to hear, listen, and be convinced, all to the glory of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

*Pew Bible OT pg. 549*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

ANTHEM

*Psalm 91*

Craig Courtney

Melanie Huang, flute

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,*

*Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust."*

*He will deliver you from the fowler's snare, and under his wings you will find refuge.*

*His faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart.*

*You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks  
in darkness or ravages at midday.*

*A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand;*

*but you will not be harmed.*

*If you make the Most High your dwelling, even the Lord, who is my refuge,  
then no harm will befall you; no scourge will approach your tent.*

*He will give his angels charge over you;*

*on their hands they will lift you up lest you strike your foot upon a stone.*

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

*Pew Bible NT pg. 79*

SERMON

"We Have the Key"

Rev. Bynum

\*HYMN

*Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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; 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](http://lacny.org/giving) or via the Realm Connect app.*

OFFERTORY

*I Got a Home in-a that Rock*

Harry Burleigh

Nic Dávila, soloist

*I got a home in-a that rock, don't you see?*

*I got a home in-a that rock, don't you see?*

*Between the earth and sky, thought I heard my Savior cry:*

*You got a home in-a that rock, don't you see?*

*Poor man Lazarus, poor as I, don't you see?*

*Poor man Lazarus, poor as I, don't you see?*

*Poor man Lazarus, poor as I, when he died he found a home on high;*

*He had a home in-a that rock, don't you see?*

*Rich man Dives lived so well, don't you see?*

*Rich man Dives lived so well, don't you see?*

*Rich man Dives lived so well, when he died he found a home in hell;*

*He had no home in-a that rock, don't you see*

*God gave Noah the rainbow sign don't you see?*

*God gave Noah the rainbow sign don't you see?*

*God gave Noah the rainbow sign, no more water, but fish next time:*

*Better get a home in-a that rock, don't you see?*

\*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 766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Tambourin*

Jean-Phillippe Rameau

Debra Whitman, Harp

## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Upcoming Events*

**LAC101** will meet for brunch and an introduction to the ministry of Larchmont Avenue Church immediately after worship in the Carhart Room.

All are invited to join the **Interfaith Prison Partnership** for an intergenerational conversation on Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. about the complexity and stigma of the prison system. Dinner will be provided—please RSVP to [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).

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 "The Rich Man and Lazarus" by James Janknegt.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the Office ([LACoffice@lacny.org](mailto: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*

Our first **Confirmation class** will be next Sunday, October 2, immediately following worship.

**Both TGIF and SHIFT** will meet at 6:00 p.m. this week for a conversation with the Interfaith Prison Partnership.

**Sunday School:** All children ages 3-10 are invited to the library following the Fourth Grade Bible Presentation 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 meet next on Thursday, September 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.

Rev. Bynum's new **adult education series**, "Minor Prophets/Major Problems" will begin with a discussion of Joel and the Problem of War on October 16 immediately following worship.

This Week at LAC:

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**SEPTEMBER 25**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Sunday School (Library)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

LAC 101 (Carhart)

**MONDAY**

7:30 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 26**

Session (Library)

**TUESDAY**

3:00 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 27**

At Home on the Sound (Russell Hall)

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

**WEDNESDAY**

11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 28**

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

Interfaith Prison Partnership (Russell Hall)

Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

**THURSDAY**

8:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 29**

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)

AA (Chapel)

**FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 30**

Movie Night: *Encanto* (Carhart)

**SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 1**

Midnight Run (Carhart)

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

1 Lord, be thy word my rule, in it may I re - jice;  
 2 Thy prom-is - es my hope, thy prov-i-dence my guard,

thy glo - ry be my aim, thy ho - ly will my choice;  
 thine arm my strong sup-port, thy-self my great re - ward.



# 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and  
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when  
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to  
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the  
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.  
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

## THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA ([pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org)) and the Hudson River Presbytery ([hudrivpres.org](http://hudrivpres.org)).

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