



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Children's Sabbath

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 16, 2022

PRELUDE

Kinderszenen: Träumerei

Robert Schumann

Jenny Xu, piano

INTROIT

Like as a Father

George Thalben-Ball

*Like as a father pitieth his own children,
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him*

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Oliver Manice

God is our creator.

This, we believe.

God is everywhere.

This, we believe.

God is love.

This, we believe.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 19

God of Great and God of Small

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

James Manice

Creator God, we confess that sometimes we make mistakes. We forget to be kind and to be a friend to everyone. We forget to be thankful for what we have. Sometimes we leave people out and forget to include others. Help us to always love others as you love us. Forgive us, we pray. 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

Grantham Barnes

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Cameron Gray

O God, you speak to us in so many ways: through the voices of O God, you speak to us in many different ways. Through the voices of children, the warmth in our hearts, and even in the silence. Help us to listen to your word spoken to us today. Amen.

PSALTER	Psalm 24:1-6	Olivia Gray
CHILDREN'S MOMENT	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	LAC Students
GOSPEL	Mark 10:13-16	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. 46</i>
SERMON	“Making Room for Children”	Rev. Peter Bynum
*HYMN 852	<i>When the Lord Redeems the Very Least</i>	
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER		Alexandra LeClere

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!*

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship Committee

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY Eric Nelson

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your Protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender
Ev'ry foe the must surrender.
(No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.)*

*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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Roger Summers

Jenny Xu, piano

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Today is **Children's Sabbath!** Thank you to the parents, youth, and children who are leading our service this morning!

Plan to stay after worship today for a **waffle brunch** to mark the beginning of this year's stewardship campaign! We are excited to bring back this beloved tradition and share in some syrupy fellowship in Russell Hall!

TODAY! Join Rev. Bynum for a new **adult education series**, "Minor Prophets/Major Problems." Grab a waffle, then head down to the Carhart Room for a discussion of Joel and the problem of War.

Later this afternoon, the Manice family (15 Locust Ave) will host a **gathering for young families** at their home from 4-6 p.m.! Drop-by for a relaxed afternoon of fun for little ones with Rev. Anna Grace, and time for parents to connect. RSVP to agclaunch@lacny.org.

This year's **mission trip** is open to all participants ages 14 and older! From February 19-25, we will travel to Agua Prieta, Mexico to learn about migration issues in the borderlands with Frontera de Cristo. The cost will be between \$1200-1500, and the deadline for committing to serve is October 20. Contact Rev. Anna Grace at agclaunch@lacny.org for more information!

LAC's next **movie night** will be Oct. 28! Join us at 7:00 p.m. for *Hocus Pocus!*

Save the Date: LAC will hold a **Blessing of the Animals** service on November 6 at 2:00 p.m.! RSVP to mmajor@lacny.org to help us plan for pet-appropriate snacks!

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 art (and reverse panel) was created by LAC Sunday School Students.

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!

Christian Education

TGIF and SHIFT will follow a new schedule beginning this Wednesday, October 19! Middle Schoolers will gather at 5:00 p.m. for games and some messy art-making and finish at 6:00 p.m. High School students will meet at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of yoga and guided meditation. (Of course, pizza will still be provided for dinner, but TGIF and SHIFT will now eat separately!) Questions? Email agclaunch@lancy.org.

Sunday School: Following the children's moment, children ages 3-10 are invited to the Library for Sunday School.

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, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
10:20 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 16

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Library)
Waffle Brunch (Russell Hall)
Adult Education (Carhart)
Young Families Drop-in (Off-site: 15 Locust Ave)

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 17

Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 18

Al Anon (Library)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)
Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

OCTOBER 19

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
TGIF (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Carhart)
Symphonia (Chapel)
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 20

Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)
AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY

11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 21

Woman's Club (Carhart)

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 22

Ragamuffin Parade (Larchmont Avenue)

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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LAC Website: www.lacny.org Fax: (914) 834-1832

Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

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

God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

God of Great and God of Small 19

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce.
 joyce, will re-joyce.

When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

Refrain

we will re-joyce. We will re-
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

What does it mean to pray "thy kingdom come"? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God's reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

We will re-joyce!
days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

YOUR NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED!

The All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC) invites your recommendations for new elders, deacons, and trustees for Larchmont Avenue Church. The final slate will be proposed for election at a **congregational meeting on December 11, 2022**. Those elected by the congregation will begin a **three-year term on Ordination/Installation Sunday**, which is scheduled for **January 22, 2023**. As you consider candidates whom you feel God may be calling to leadership at LAC, here are some guidelines from the PC(USA) *Book of Order*:

Elders

- Have the *“responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness.”* (G-3.02)
- Are called to *“discern and measure [our congregation’s] fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life”* (G-2.03)
- Are *“persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit”* (G-2.03)

Deacons

- *“The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.”* (G-2.02)
- Are *“Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.”* (G-2.02)

Trustees

- Advise elders on matters relating to the church budget, endowment, and real property. (G-4.0101)

Please prayerfully recommend members of our church whom you believe God may be calling to be servant leaders at LAC. **You may recommend yourself if you feel called to serve.** Please use the form on the reverse to submit your recommendations in the offering plate, in the nomination box in the lobby, or fill out a form online at: <https://bit.ly/3EjtUdi>

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate _____

for (circle one):

Elder Deacon Trustee
Youth Deacon Nominating Committee

Reasons for nomination:

I have spoken with the nominee and they are willing to serve (circle one):

Yes No

Submitted on (date) _____

By (optional) _____

Deadline for Submissions: **October 30, 2022.**

Completed forms can be dropped off at the church office, in an offering plate, or by sending an e-mail to a member of the ACNC.

This year's ACNC members are: Chris Jogis (Co-Chair), Stacey Harvey (Co-Chair), Emily Irving, Alexandra LeClere, Chris Templeman, Ernest Wong, Melissa Manice, and Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum (*ex officio*).