

### The Larchmont Avenue Church

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October 16, 2022 Children's Sabbath Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 16, 2022

PRELUDE Kinderszenen: Träumerai 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

Jesus Loves Me

LAC Students

GOSPEL Mark 10:13-16 Pew Bible NT pg. 46

SERMON "Making Room for Children" Rev. Peter Bynum

\*HYMN 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

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 <u>lacny.org/giving</u> or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY Children of the Heavenly Father Eric Nelson

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 <u>new schedule</u> 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 <u>agclaunch@lancy.org</u>.

**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 OCTOBER 16

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)10:20 a.m.Sunday School (Library)11:00 a.m.Waffle Brunch (Russell Hall)

11:15 a.m. Adult Education (Carhart)

4:00 p.m. Young Families Drop-in (Off-site: 15 Locust Ave)

MONDAY OCTOBER 17

7:00 p.m. Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

6:45 p.m. Al Anon (Library)
7:15 p.m. AA (Chapel / Zoom)

7:30 p.m. Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 p.m. TGIF (Youth Center)
6:30 p.m. SHIFT (Carhart)
7:00 p.m. Symphonia (Chapel)

7.00 p.m. Symphoma (Chaper)

7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

4:00 p.m. Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)

7:00 p.m. AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21

11:30 a.m. Woman's Club (Carhart)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

2:00 p.m. 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).

You may reach staff members via (914) 834-1800 at the following extensions:

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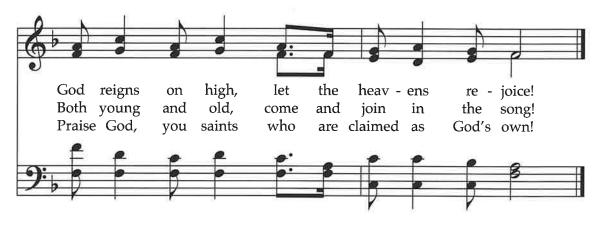
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Alexandra LeClere and Susan Bell Co-Moderators

> 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 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,

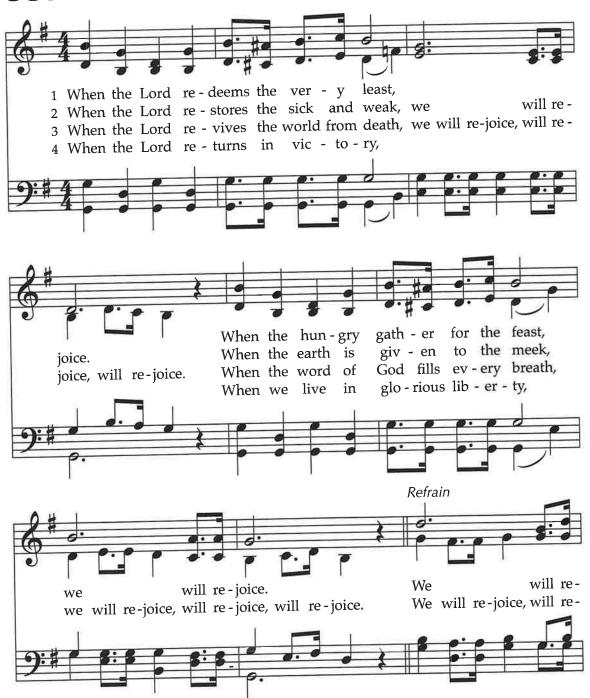


God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long, God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour, God of day and dark-est night, God whose love turns wrong to right, God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

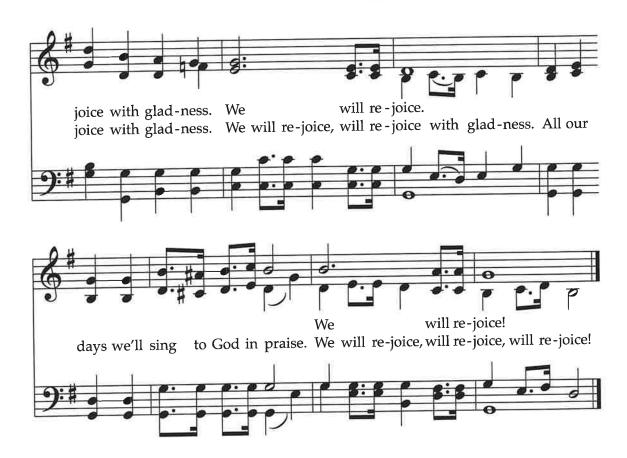


Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

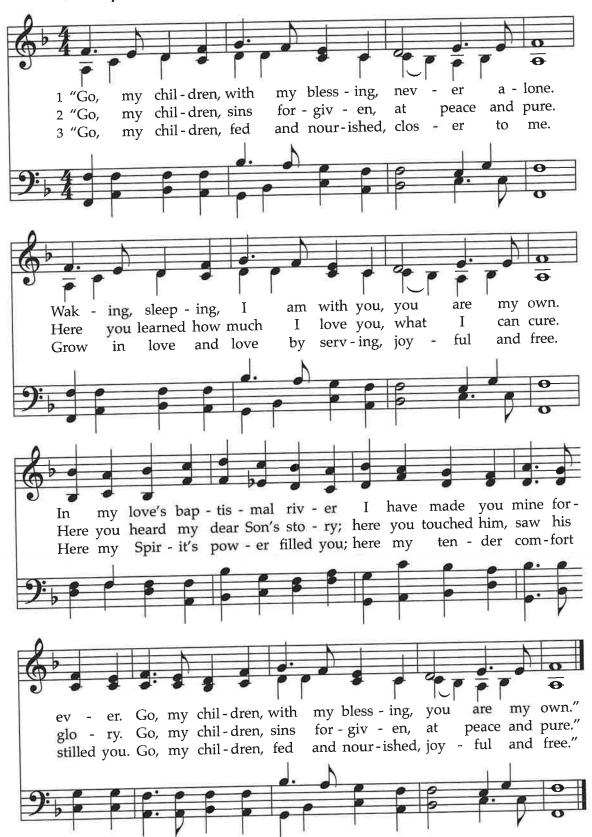
### 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least



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.



## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



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	Nomina	ting Committee	
Reasons for nomina	ation:			
I have spoken with		•	g to serve (circle one): No	
Submitted on (date)	)			
By (optional)				
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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*).