



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 23, 2022

PRELUDE

Down Ampney

Don McAfee

Ben Wien, piano

INTROIT

Be Still

George Thalben-Ball

Be still and know that I am God.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from James 4:6-10

God stands ready to give grace to the humble.

Submit yourselves, therefore, to God.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Let us cleanse our hands and purify our hearts.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and the Lord will exalt you.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, your love is always ready to welcome us into your house,
but we confess that we often fail to make room for you.**

We fill our days with the hustle and bustle of worldly tasks.

We fill our minds with the mixed messages of worldly thoughts.

We fill our hearts with hopes of worldly rewards.

Have mercy on us, O God.

In your great compassion, blot out our sins.

Help us to make room in our days for you.

Help us to make room in our minds to see as you see.

**Help us to make room in our hearts for the things that matter to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

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*)

Anthony Manson

Lord, as we open your Word this morning, help us to create room in our hearts, minds, and spirits to hear what you have to say to us today, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 17:8-24

Pew Bible OT pg. 324

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ANTHEM

Slow Down

Edwin Childs

*Slow down, slow down, slow down and see Jesus.
Slow down and see the Lord face to face.
Slow down, slow down, oh foolish one with eyes so blinded;
Slow down, slow down and see His face.
Slow down, slow down, slow down and hear Jesus.
Slow down and hear his words soft and clear.
Slow down the noise that crowds out the Savior's speaking.
Slow down, slow down and hear his voice.
Slow down, slow down, slow down and feel Jesus.
His hands and feet were wounded for you.
Slow down, slow down, you troubled soul and busy mind.
Slow down and feel the peace that He gives.*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible NT pg. 58

SERMON

“Making Room for God in Our Lives”

Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Penny Oberg

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!***

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

John Carter

Ben Wien and Douglas Kostner, piano

*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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Five Spanish Dances: Bolero

Moritz Moszkowski

Ben Wien and Douglas Kostner, piano



MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

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

Our TGIF and SHIFT Youth are collaborating with the Interfaith Prison Partnership to create **care packages** for our incarcerated neighbors at Taconic and Bedford prisons. We need LAC's support to complete this mission project—you may contribute via Realm by selecting "Youth Prison Ministry Project" from the fund menu.

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 incorporates Gerard van Honthorst's "Adoration of the Shepherds" (1622) into a digital illustration by Mallory Rentsch.

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 meet this Wednesday, October 26 to share in some autumnal crafts—BYOP(umpkin)! Middle Schoolers will gather from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., and High School students will meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 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.

OCTOBER 23

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Library)
Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
Personnel Committee (Library)

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 24

Session (Library)

TUESDAY

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

OCTOBER 25

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

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
Church & Community (Lindsley)
TGIF (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Youth Center)
Symphonia (Chapel)
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 27

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)
AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

Movie Night: *Hocus Pocus* (Carhart)

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 29

Woman's Club Donation Drive (Forest Park Ave)

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.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

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*).