

# The Larchmont Avenue Church

60 Forest Park Avenue Larchmont, New York 10538 (914) 834-1800

Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

October 30, 2022 | Reformation Sunday Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

#### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 30, 2022

A Mighty Fortress

PRELUDE

Larchmont Symphonia

Lowell Hohstadt

INTROIT

Treasures in Heaven

Douglas Kostner

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there shall be your heart.

#### WELCOME

**REFORMATION SUNDAY & THE SCOTS' CONFESSION** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Chapter I of the Scots Confession

One: We confess and acknowledge one God alone,

All: to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

- One: This God is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
- All: one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- One: By this God we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, not only to have been created,
- All: but also to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

\*HYMN 634

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To God Be the Glory

from Chapter XV of the Scots Confession

"We confess and acknowledge that the law of God is most just, equal, holy, and perfect, commanding those things which, when perfectly done, can give life and bring man to eternal felicity; but our nature is so corrupt, weak, and imperfect, that we are never able perfectly to fulfill the works of the law. Even after we are reborn, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth of God is not in us.

It is therefore essential for us to lay hold on Christ Jesus, in his righteousness and his atonement, since he is the end and consummation of the Law and since it is by him that we are set at liberty so that the curse of God may not fall upon us, even though we do not fulfill the Law in all points."

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All: "As God the Father beholds us in the body of his Son Christ Jesus, he accepts our imperfect obedience as if it were perfect, and covers our works, which are defiled with many stains, with the righteousness of his Son."

One: Let us trust in the good news and be at peace... All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

#### \*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)

"O Lord, who is the fountain of all wisdom and learning, grant... that I may be fit to acquire knowledge; strengthen my memory faithfully to retain what I may have learned: and govern my heart, that I may be willing and even eager to profit, lest the opportunity which you now give me be lost through my sluggishness.

Be pleased therefore to infuse your Spirit into me, the Spirit of understanding, of truth, judgment, and prudence, lest my study be without success, and the labor of my teacher be in vain... Amen."

PSALTER	Psalm 50:1-6, 23	Pew Bible OT pg. 519
CHILDREN'S MON	MENT	Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
The childre	en of the church are invited to join the pastor	on the chancel steps.
ANTHEM	The Best of Rooms	Charles Wood
	Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he c To feed, or lodge, to have the best of roc Give him the choice; grant him the noble Of all the house: the best of all's the he	oms; r part
GOSPEL	Matthew 6:19-33	Pew Bible NT pg. 6
SERMON	"Making Room to Give"	Rev. Bynum
*HYMN 716	God Wh	ose Giving Knows No Ending

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 580 (Scottish Chant)

a prayer by John Calvin (1542)

THE GREAT AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

CALL TO OFFERING (unison)

from John Calvin's commentary on Genesis

"The custody of the garden was given in charge to Adam, to show that we possess the things which God has committed to our hands, on the condition that, being content with the frugal and moderate use of them, we should take care of what shall remain... Let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses."

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

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

Paul Jones

Larchmont Symphonia

\*DOXOLOGY

Tune of "A Mighty Fortress"

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 275

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING PRAYER

"Most merciful Father, we render to thee all praise, thanks, and glory, for that it hath pleased thee, of thy great mercies, to grant unto us, miserable sinners, so excellent a gift and treasure, as to receive us into the fellowship and company of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord...

"And now, we beseech thee also, O heavenly Father, to grant us this request: that thou never suffer us to become so unkind as to forget so worthy benefits; but rather imprint and fasten them sure in our hearts, that we may grow and increase daily more and more in true faith, which continually is exercised in all manner of good works; and so much the rather, O Lord, confirm us in these perilous days... that we may constantly stand and continue in the confession of the same, to the advancement of thy glory, who art God over all things, blessed forever. So be it. Amen."

CHORAL AMEN POSTLUDE

String Symphony No. 2: Allegro Larchmont Symphonia A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

a prayer by John Knox (1556)

Felix Mendelssohn

(congregation singing)

# MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Upcoming Events

Our TGIF and SHIFT Youth are collaborating with the Interfaith Prison Partnership to create **care packages** for our incarcerated neighbors at Bedford prison. 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.

Next week, November 6, we will remember community members who have died over the past year. If you would like us to include the names of your loved ones during the **All Saints** liturgy, please send a note to mmajor@lacny.org.

LAC will hold a **Blessing of the Animals** service on November 6 at 2:00 p.m.! RSVP to <u>mmajor@lacny.org</u> 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. We are delighted to have the **Larchmont Symphonia** provide special music this morning to enrich our Reformation Sunday worship!

**Today's bulletin cover** art is "In Ictu Oculi (In the Twinkling of an Eye)" by Juan de Valdés Leal (1672). This piece was commissioned as half of a pair of *momenti mori* paintings for the Brotherhood of Charity hospital in Seville.

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, November 2, to collaborate on a service project! 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 <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, November 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.



This Week at LAC:

#### <u>SUNDAY</u>

10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

### MONDAY

All Day

## **TUESDAY**

6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY**

11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.

# **THURSDAY**

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

# FRIDAY

OCTOBER 30

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

OCTOBER 31 Happy Halloween! ₩ 🍲

NOVEMBER 1 Al Anon (Library) Deacons (Zoom) AA (Chapel / Zoom) Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

NOVEMBER 2 Staff Meeting (Lindsley) Preschool Fall Festival (Forest Park Ave) TGIF (Youth Center) SHIFT (Youth Center) Symphonia (Chapel) Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

<u>NOVEMBER 3</u> Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel) AA (Carhart)

# NOVEMBER 4

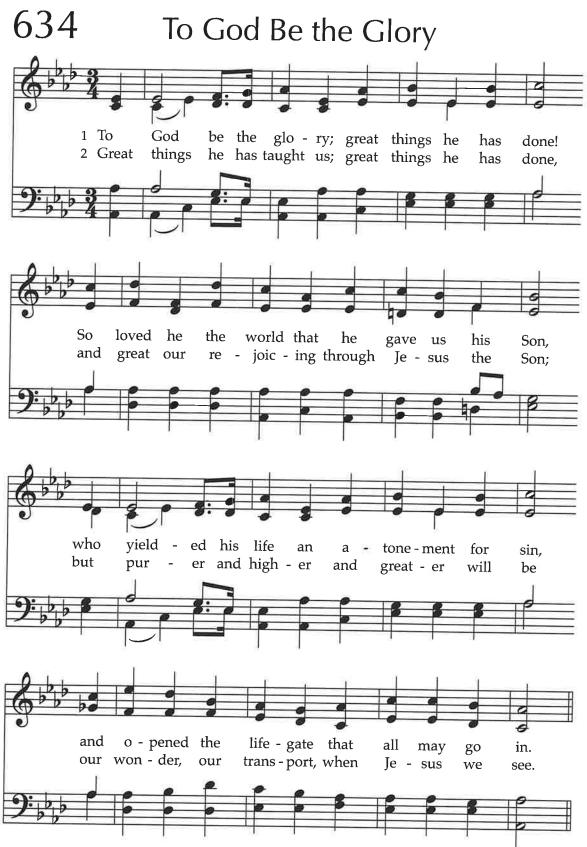
# THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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:

Senior Pastor and Head of Staff	Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum308					
	Email: pbynum@lacny.org					
Associate Pastor	Rev. Anna Grace Claunch					
	Email: agclaunch@lacny.org					
Director of Music Ministry	Douglas Kostner					
	Email: dkostner@lacny.org					
Church Secretary & Communications	Marranda Major	302				
Director	Email: mmajor@lacny.org					
Bookkeeper	Gloria Haq 3					
	Email: ghaq@lacny.org					
LAC Preschool Director	Kristin DeFelice					
	Email: preschooldirector@lacny.org					
	834-3984, www.lacpreschool.com					
LAC Preschool Admin. Assistant	Tammy Consentino					
	Email: adminassistant@lacny.org					
Sextons	Gerry Gaitan	304				
	Cesar Manrique					
Chu	rch Officers					
Co-clerks of Session	Garr DiSalvo and Penny Oberg					
Boar	d of Trustees					
President	Arthur Washington					
Vice-President	Stacy Brandom					
Treasurer	Jeff Smith					
Secretary	Charles Manice					
Boar	d of Deacons					
Co-Moderators	Alexandra LeClere and Susan Bell					
LAC Website: www.la	cny.org Fax: (914) 834-1832					
	e LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)					
	ia his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.					
Tou muy reach Rev. Dynam via my mobile phone at (0+3)302 2311.						

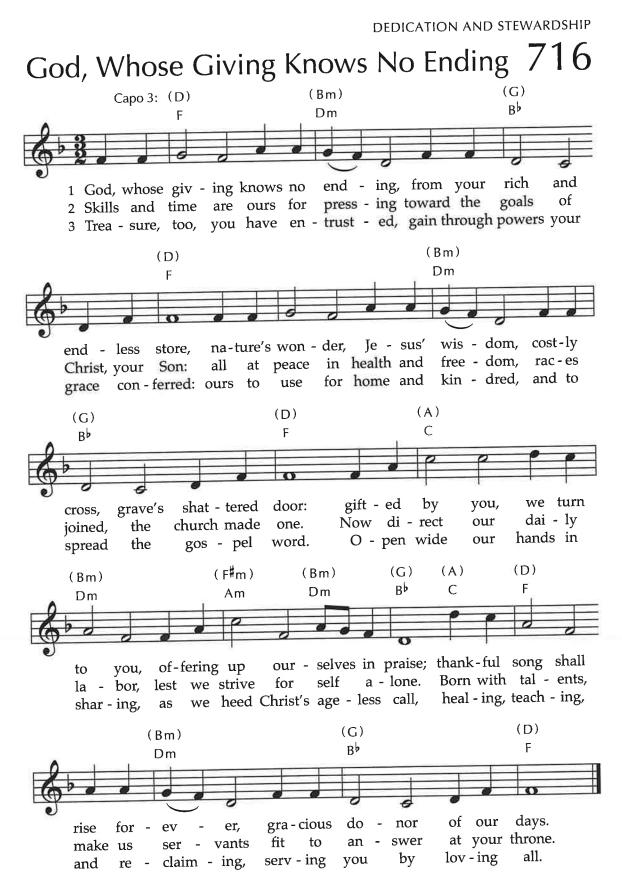
ADORATION



This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

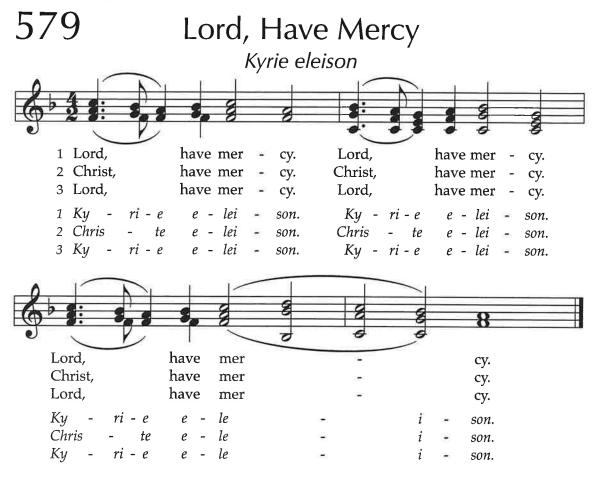




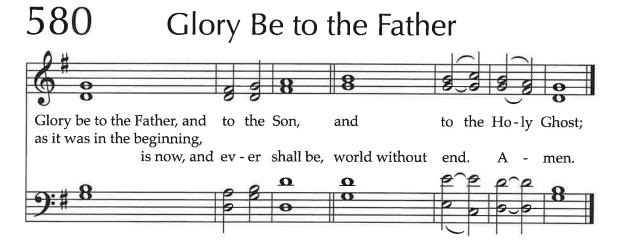
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

SERVICE MUSIC



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Russian Orthodox chant KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Scottish chant JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

#### JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



## 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

I nominate				
for (circle one):				
	Elder	Deacon	Trustee	
	Youth Deacon	Nomina	ting Committee	
Reasons for nomination	on:			
I have spoken with the	e nominee and the	ey are willing	g to serve (circle one):	
1	Ye	•	No	
Submitted on (date)				
By (optional)				
Deadline for Submiss	ions: 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*).