



## The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 30, 2022

PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress*

Lowell Hohstadt

Larchmont Symphonia

INTROIT

*Treasures in Heaven*

Douglas Kostner

*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

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

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

*To God Be the Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*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

*from Chapter XV of the Scots Confession*

**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

*Hymn 580 (Scottish Chant)*

*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*)

*a prayer by John Calvin (1542)*

**“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 MOMENT

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*The children 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 comes,  
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms;  
Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part  
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-33

*Pew Bible NT pg. 6*

SERMON

“Making Room to Give”

Rev. Bynum

\*HYMN 716

*God Whose 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.**

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

***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 [lacny.org/giving](http://lacny.org/giving) 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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING PRAYER

*a prayer by John Knox (1556)*

***“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:*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Allegro*

Larchmont Symphonia

## 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](mailto:mmajor@lacny.org).

LAC will hold a **Blessing of the Animals** service on November 6 at 2:00 p.m.! RSVP to [mmajor@lacny.org](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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 [agclaunch@lancy.org](mailto: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, November 10 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.

**OCTOBER 30**

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

**MONDAY**

All Day

**OCTOBER 31**

Happy Halloween! 🎃👻

**TUESDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 1**

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

**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.

**NOVEMBER 2**

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 3**

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

**FRIDAY**

**NOVEMBER 4**



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## To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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.



## Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*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.

# 579

## Lord, Have Mercy

### *Kyrie eleison*



1 Lord,	have mer	- cy.	Lord,	have mer	- cy.
2 Christ,	have mer	- cy.	Christ,	have mer	- cy.
3 Lord,	have mer	- cy.	Lord,	have mer	- cy.
1 Ky - ri - e	e - lei	- son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei	- son.
2 Chris - te	e - lei	- son.	Chris - te	e - lei	- son.
3 Ky - ri - e	e - lei	- son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei	- son.



Lord,	have mer	-	cy.
Christ,	have mer	-	cy.
Lord,	have mer	-	cy.
Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Russian Orthodox chant

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

# 580

## Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Scottish chant

GLORIA PATRI (Scottish)

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

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.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

## Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

*Refrain*

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be  
 sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song  
 un - to the Lord, sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -  
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord. And play for God on  
 now has come. He has turned your  
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

This loose paraphrase effectively conveys the joyful tone of Psalm 98, largely by incorporating allusions to many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.

## 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:

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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*).