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**January 8, 2023**

Baptism of the Lord

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 8, 2023

PRELUDE

*Christ unser Herr zum  
Jordan kam*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Psalm 29)*

The voice of the LORD thunders over the waters.

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless all people with peace!

**Let us ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;**

**let us worship the LORD in holy splendor!**

\* OPENING HYMN 409

“God Is Here!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us  
and free us from our sin.**

**Yet we slip into old habits, forgetting the blessings we receive from you, and  
turning to idols that have claimed our hearts.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for what we have done and what we have left undone. Meet us at  
the water again. Cleanse us, refresh us, and remind us that we belong to you...**

*Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Hymn 581*

***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)*

Dawn Moriwaki

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in  
your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:13-17

*Pew Bible NT pg.3*

Mackenzie Minguillo, soloist; Ben Wien, piano

*O healing river, send down your waters.  
Send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
And wash the blood from off the sand.*

*This land is thirsting, this land is parching.  
No seed is growing in the barren ground.  
This land is thirsting, this land is parching.  
O healing river, send your waters down.*

*Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish.  
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.  
Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,  
Proud leaves uncurling against the skies.*

*O healing river, send down your waters.  
Send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
And wash the blood from off the sand.  
O healing river, come help our land.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 42:1-9

*Pew Bible OT pg.670*

SERMON              “A Bruised Reed He Will Not Break”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*COMMUNION HYMN #688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

(congregation singing)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!***

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

... Great is the mystery of faith.  
***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jacques Berthier

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & 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!***

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Gifts may be shared online at [lacny.org/giving](http://lacny.org/giving) or via the [Realm Connect app](#).*

OFFERTORY

*By the Still Waters*  
Ben Wien, piano

Amy Beach

\*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

\*CLOSING HYMN 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*  
Ben Wien, piano

C. E. Walz

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **Meeting of the Congregation** of the Larchmont Avenue Church, as well as the Larchmont Avenue Church Corporation, on **January 22, 2023**, for the purpose of receiving the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 budget, and reviewing the pastoral terms of call.

*Welcome to Worship*

**Welcome** to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to worship together, both in person, and with folks joining via livestream.

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*

**Sunday School:** Today, Rev. Claunch will lead a special all-ages workshop on baptism during worship! Children ages 4-10 may **go directly to the Carhart Room**.

**TGIF and SHIFT** starts back this Wednesday, January 11! Middle Schoolers will gather from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and High School students will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**The Men’s Bible Study** will meet next on Thursday, January 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.

This Week at LAC:

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.

**MONDAY**

7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

8:00-5:30 p.m.  
6:45 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

2:00 p.m.

**JANUARY 8**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)  
Sunday School (Carhart)  
Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)  
Officer Training (Carhart)

**JANUARY 9**

Officer Training (Carhart)

**JANUARY 10**

STEM Alliance Training (Carhart)  
Al Anon (Library)  
AA (Chapel / Zoom)  
Finance (Room 202)  
Westchester Chorale (Russell/Sanctuary)

**JANUARY 11**

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)  
TGIF (Youth Center)  
SHIFT (Youth Center)

**JANUARY 12**

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

**JANUARY 14**

Georges LeClere Memorial (Sanctuary)  
(Reception in Russell Hall)

## THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA  
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## God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

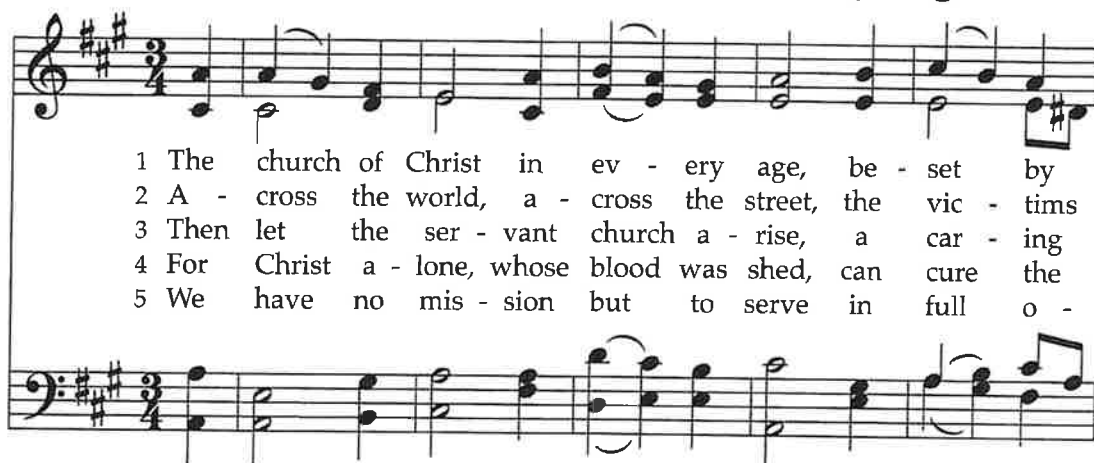
wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

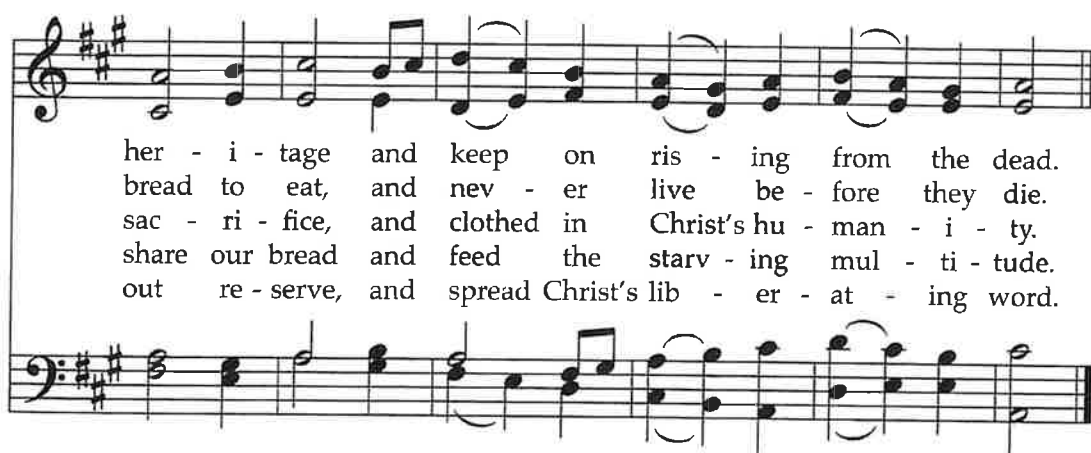
## 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.