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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JANUARY 1, 2023

PRELUDE

Forest Green

John Carter

Jenny Xu, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, a new year begun

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

We enter this new year with hope and excitement

O Lord, remind us that You lead us

O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You.

Amen.

*HYMN 110

Love Has Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are slow to anger and swift to have mercy. As we enter a new year, forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy, when we abuse your gift of time.

In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace with you. Free us to live in your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time, because we know that your time will never cease.

Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY, GLORY, GLORY

Hymn 584

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! (2x)

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (2x)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, en las alturas a Dios! (2x)

Y en la tierra, paz a la gente que ama el Señor. (2x)

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 148 *Pew Bible OT pg. 582*

VOLUNTARY *What Child Is This?* Vince Guaraldi
Jenny Xu, piano

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 63:7-9 *Pew Bible OT pg. 693*

SERMON Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY *Go Tell It on the Mountain* John Carter
Jenny Xu, 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 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* John Carter
Jenny Xu, piano

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Happy New Year, LAC! As many folks are traveling this week, **there will not Coffee Hour** following worship. We look forward to catching up next week!

Next week, January 8, Rev. Bynum's Adult Education class will pivot for a crash course in **Presbyterian Polity**. While mandatory for new officers, this class is open to all who are curious about learning more about how we organize ourselves as a church!

All are invited for a **Movie Night** featuring *the Incredibles* on January 20 at 7:00 p.m.!

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover art is "A Place of Beginning" by Jan Richardson.

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

There is no **Sunday School** today, but we'll return next week!

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

TGIF and SHIFT will reconvene on January 11—see you next week!

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JANUARY 1

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Sunday School (Carhart)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY

ALL DAY

JANUARY 2

Office Closed

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

JANUARY 3

Al Anon (Library)

Deacons (Zoom)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

JANUARY 4

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

Symphonia (Chapel)

Chancel Choir (Russell)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 5

AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY

All Day

JANUARY 6

Epiphany

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

Love Has Come

110

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C



1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F



Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Away in a Manger 114

Capo 5: (C) (Am) (C) (Dm)
 F Dm F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)
 B^b C F Gm B^b C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)
 F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

This anonymous carol probably originated among Pennsylvania Lutherans in the late 19th century, giving rise to a mistaken assertion that it had been written by Martin Luther. This tune is also by an American but has become the one usually used in Canada and Great Britain.

119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king,
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt 120

Capo 4: (G7) (C) (F) (Dm)
 B7 E A F#m

1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's
 2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they
 3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be
 4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born and

(G) (G7) (Em) (Am) (Dm)
 B B7 G#m C#m F#m

word, I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange-ly
 said: sweet, new-born Babe, how frail, and in a man - ger
 there, his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound-ing heart, I
 burned its way in - to my heart: un - asked, un - forced, un -

(G7) (C) (C7) (F) (Dm) (G7)
 B7 E E7 A F#m B7

stirred. But there is room and wel - come there for
 bed: a still, small voice to cry one day for
 stare: a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for
 earned: to die, to live, and not a - lone for

(C) (Dm) (C) (Am) (Dm) (F/A) (C)
 E F#m E C#m F#m A/C# E

me; but there is room and wel - come there for me.
 me; a still, small voice to cry one day for me.
 me; a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
 me; to die, to live, and not a - lone for me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Witnessing the beginning or the end of life evokes very personal responses (emphasized by the "for me" at the end of each stanza), especially when the scale is intimate, as in this imagined visit to Christ's manger. The prophecies recalled in stanza three come from Isaiah 9:6.