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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

PRELUDE *Feather in the Snow* Alexandra Genova
Debra Whitman, harp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 112)*

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take delight in God's commandments.

The generation of the upright will be blessed; they rise in the darkness as a light for the world; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously with others, who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Let our hearts be steady, let us not be afraid, for God is with us.

Let us worship the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but sometimes we care more about how we are seen than about our actual faithfulness to you. We tend to act the part, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace...

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 Rob Hitchings
(unison)

Gracious God, since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, give us hunger for this heavenly food. Please nourish us today with your wisdom and truth, and empower us to walk more closely with you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 73 *Pew Bible OT pg.534*

*Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
 Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus; teach us the wisdom of God.
 When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
 Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.
 Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade
 Yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.
 To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
 reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.
 We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod,
 Yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, living Song of God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Pew Bible NT pg.179

SERMON "Your Greatest Weakness"

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*COMMUNION HYMN #504

"We Come as Guests Invited"

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

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OFFERTORY

A Song of Wisdom
Rose Ackerley, soloist

Charles Stanford

*I came forth from the mouth of the most high, and covered the earth as a mist;
I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.
Alone I compassed the circuit of heav'n, and walked in the depth of the abyss
In the waves of the sea and in all the earth and in every people and nation,
I got a possession; with all these I sought rest: And I took root in a people that was glorified,
In the portion of the Lord's own inheritance. I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus,
And as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon:
I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore,
And as a fair olive tree in the plain. And my branches are branches of glory and grace,
And my flow'rs are the fruit of glory and riches.
Come unto me, Ye that are desirous of me and be ye filled with my fruits.
And I came out as a stream from a river, I said I will water my garden,
And will water abundantly my garden bed,
And lo, my stream became a river and my river became the sea,*

For my thoughts are filled from the sea and my counsels from the great deep.

*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 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Two Guitars
Debra Whitman, harp

Linda Wood

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



Your voice and presence would be a gift in worship! If you would be willing to **assist as a liturgist**, please either follow the QR code or email the church office at LACoffice@lacny.org.



We are saddened by the news of the recent death of Ann Murkland Glass, mother of the late Adam Wallace Glass and of Elizabeth Glass Poyet. A memorial service for Ann will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2023, in our sanctuary. A reception in Russell Hall will follow.

Christian Education

Sunday School: Rev. Claunch is leading a special workshop on communion during worship! Children ages 4-10 may go directly to the Carhart Room

TGIF and SHIFT will meet this Wednesday, February 8! Middle Schoolers will gather from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and High School students will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation will meet today from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the youth room.

Adult Education

Minor Prophets, Major Problems: Join Rev. Bynum in Carhart following worship for a discussion on “Hosea and the Problem of Domestic Violence.”

Brown Bag Bible Study: Beginning on March 1st, Rev. Bynum will be hosting weekly Bible discussions on Wednesdays at noon in the Lindsley Room. Instead of a structured study, this will be an informal time for us to read the Bible together and share our thoughts and questions about what it means. Bring a lunch, bring a friend, or just bring yourself!

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
12:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 5

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School (Carhart)
Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
Adult Education (Carhart)
Mission Trip Meeting (Youth Room)
Confirmation Class (Youth Room)

MONDAY

3:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6

LAC Board Leader Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY

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

FEBRUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY

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

FEBRUARY 8

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
TGIF (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Youth Center)
Symphonia (Sanctuary)
Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY

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

FEBRUARY 9

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

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

JANUARY 14

Women’s Club Donations (Forest Park Ave)
Ann Murkland Glass Memorial (Sanctuary)
(Reception in Russell Hall)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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