



"Christ Heals the Blind Man," Dionysiou Monastery, Mt. Athos, Greece

Larchmont Avenue Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE

St. Catherine Robert Vandall
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

INTROIT

Make Me a Clean Heart George Thalben-Ball
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to sanctify ourselves.

We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

The Lord looks not at our outward selves, but seeks to know what is in our hearts.

Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord, that we might live as children of the Most High.

Let us offer our praise to God who reigns above!

*HYMN 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to recognize what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we can predict, but we forget that you do what is good, not necessarily what is expected.

Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace... (Silent prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 580

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, it 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

(in unison)

Chrystie Munves

Holy Spirit, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, open our minds to learn, and open our hearts to love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 3:1-5, 3:23–4:9

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

What Can I Ask Beside?

Douglas Kostner

*The Lord is my Shepherd, in Him I safely hide,
His rod and staff they comfort me, what can I ask beside?
How tenderly He leadeth me, my Shepherd all the day;
In meadows green He resteth me, where brook and fountain play.
The Lord is my Shepherd, in Him I safely hide,
His rod and staff they comfort me, what can I ask beside?
How tenderly He loveth me, my tongue can never tell;
But O, He gave His life for me and this I know full well.
The Lord is my Shepherd, in Him I safely hide,
His rod and staff they comfort me, what can I ask beside?
How tenderly He calleth me, when from the fold I roam;
He leaves me not, but patiently He brings the wand'rer home.
The Lord is my Shepherd, in Him I safely hide,
His rod and staff they comfort me, what can I ask beside?
How tenderly His gifts to me like gentle rain descend;
I'll sing and praise Him joyfully, my Shepherd, Savior, Friend.
The Lord is my Shepherd, in Him I safely hide,
His rod and staff they comfort me, what can I ask beside?*

NEW TESTAMENT

John 9:1-38

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SERMON
Bynum

“What Did You Do?”

Rev. Dr. Peter

*HYMN 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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; and 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rummage Sale

Ann Hitchings

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Deep River

Carrie Gruselle

Larchmont Symphonia

*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 703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

String Symphony 2: Allegro vivace Felix

Mendelssohn

Larchmont Symphonia

NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated at this time. Please join us for Coffee Hour in Russell Hall!

** please stand if you are able*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to be worshipping with you, whether you are with us in person in our sanctuary or connecting via our Livestream.

Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist, please either scan the QR code to the right or email the church office at LACoffice@lacny.org.



The **2023 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is currently underway. Gifts support three key denominational ministries: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Programs, and Self-Development of People. Donations can be made by using the blue envelopes in the church pews, or by sending LAC's Bookkeep Gloria Haq a check, or by using Realm. Check upcoming church emails for more information.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at LACoffice@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Christian Education:

- **Nursery Care:** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.
- **Sunday School:** After the Children's Message, children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to accompany their teachers down to the Carhart Room for Sunday School.
- **TGIF and SHIFT** will not meet this week. Prayers for a happy honeymoon, Anna Grace!
- **Brown Bag Bible Study:** Join us for an informal time of fellowship and Bible reading each Wednesday at noon in the Lindsley Room. Bring a lunch, bring a friend, or just bring yourself!

Save the Dates: Day of Service: Sat. 3/25; **Rummage Sale:** April 22 –29; **VBS:** June 26-30

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 pm Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Chapel / Zoom)

7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell/Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (Lindsley)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

7:30 pm Symphonia (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 am Day of Service (Russell Hall)

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

... most sincere, but some may not expect the third stanza's
 northern tune

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



- 1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
- 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
- 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.