



*Doubting Thomas, Nicolas Piliero*

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## April 16, 2023

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2023

PRELUDE

*Suo-gan*  
Ben Wien, piano

John Carter

INTROIT

*Peace be With You* Andrew Fletcher  
*Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."*

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

**We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**

OPENING HYMN 231

*"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Peter Bynum

**Loving God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ...**

*(Silent prayer and reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF FAMILY FOR BAPTISM

**Caroline Louise Potts**

Daughter of Jennifer and Cardwell Potts

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CONGREGATION  
PRAYER

BAPTISM & WELCOME

HYMN 486                    *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine***

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION                    *(in unison)*                    Philip Oldham

**Savior God, you’ve gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit’s breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your Word read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.**

PSALTER

Psalm 16

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

ANTHEM

*Sh ‘yiti*

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

שׁוּרֵי יְהוָה לְנֶגְדֵי יְתִמִּים יִבְלֵא מִוֶּטֶן.

לְכֹן, שִׂמְחָה לִבִּי--וְיִגְלַח בְּיָדֵי; אֶף-בִּשְׂרָרֵי, יִשְׂכַּן לִבִּי טָהֹר.

*(I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will.)*

NEW TESTAMENT

John 20:19-31

*NT, Page 115*

SERMON

“Honest Faith/Righteous Doubt”

Rev. Claunch

\*HYMN 817

*“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER                    Rev. Bynum

**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!***

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

*Slava (Russian Eastern Chant)*  
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

Sergei Rachmaninov

\*DOXOLOGY

*Hymn 609*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and  
low; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and  
Spirit, one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 246

*“Christ Is Alive”*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

\*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*A Paschal Offering*  
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

Steve Cohen

*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!*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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](mailto: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:** Children ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to accompany their teachers down to the Carhart Room for Sunday School following the Children's Message.
- **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet at the regular time this week.
- **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 DATE:** Youth and Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



Scan here to volunteer for the **LAC Rummage Sale**, April 22-29, 2023.

THIS WEEK AT LAC	CHURCH STAFF (914) 834-1800
<p><b><u>SUNDAY, APRIL 16</u></b>                      10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary / Online)                      10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)                      11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell)                      11:15 pm Confirmation (Youth Room)</p> <p><b><u>MONDAY, APRIL 17</u></b>                      7:00 pm Trustees (Lindsley)</p> <p><b><u>TUESDAY, APRIL 18</u></b>                      6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)                      7:15 pm AA (Carhart / Zoom)                      7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell/Sanctuary)</p> <p><b><u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19</u></b>                      11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)                      12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (Lindsley)                      5:00 pm TGIF (Youth Room)                      6:30 pm SHIFT (Youth Room)                      7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)</p> <p><b><u>THURSDAY, APRIL 20</u></b>                      8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)                      4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell)                      7:15 pm AA (Carhart)</p> <p><b><u>SATURDAY, APRIL 22</u></b>                      10 am – 12 pm Rummage Sale Donation Drop-Offs</p>	<p><b>Senior Pastor and Head of Staff</b>                      Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum  <a href="mailto:pbynum@lacny.org">pbynum@lacny.org</a> Ext. 308</p> <p><b>Associate Pastor</b>                      Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  <a href="mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org">agclaunch@lacny.org</a> Ext. 303</p> <p><b>Director of Music Ministry</b>                      Douglas Kostner  <a href="mailto:dkostner@lacny.org">dkostner@lacny.org</a> Ext. 307</p> <p><b>Bookkeeper</b>                      Gloria Haq  <a href="mailto:ghaq@lacny.org">ghaq@lacny.org</a> Ext. 310</p> <p><b>LAC Preschool Director</b>                      Kristin DeFelice  <a href="mailto:preschooldirector@lacny.org">preschooldirector@lacny.org</a>                      (914) 834-3984, <a href="http://www.lacpreschool.com">www.lacpreschool.com</a>                      Tammy Cosentino, Admin. Assistant  <a href="mailto:adminassistant@lacny.org">adminassistant@lacny.org</a></p>

## Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;  
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.  
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.  
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

## 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

## Christ Is Alive!

246

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.