



Earth Care Sunday

Larchmont Avenue Church

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April 23, 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

April 23, 2023

PRELUDE

Chanson de Matin
Larchmont Symphonia

Edward Elgar

INTROIT

Shout for Joy
*Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious, all the earth!*

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ECO Task Force

Sasha Nahr

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christel Pugin

Leader: We have come here seeking to worship the God of all Creation.

People: We have come to stand on holy ground!

Leader: We have come to sing God's praises, as trees and plants sing God's praise with their blooming. We see our church's blossoming cherry trees, the yellow forsythia, and front yards full of daffodils and tulips.

People: We have come to sing praises to our Creator!

Leader: We have come to experience the mighty rush of the Spirit like our surrounding flowing waters— the Long Island Sound, and our own Mamaroneck River.

People: We have come to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit!

All: We have come to experience the God of Creation in this sacred space!

*OPENING HYMN 664

Morning has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kristen Carpenter

Our beautiful blue and green home is a wondrous gift. Yet we trade clean air for the power of convenience, clean water for easy waste disposal, and wilderness for elbowroom. We marvel more at our inventions than over your creations. Share your wisdom and teach us how to protect and restore your rivers and mountains, seas and prairies, wetlands and forests. Guide us in living sustainably, being satisfied that “enough” is enough of a feast, and not consuming more than we need. Guide us to repair and renew our habitat, climate, and food web. Send your spirit over the waters again; stir us to action, justice, and wise choices. May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love...

(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 *Owen Jamison Reisman, son of Jack and Caitlin Reisman*

HYMN 486 *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” (verse 1)*
*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) Patty Towle

Prepare us, O Lord, to receive the messages of this service. Open our ears to the wisdom of the scriptures, the flow of the liturgy, and our music of praise. Open our eyes to the beauty of the sanctuary and the symbols around us, as these things bring focus to our worship. Help us to fully experience what can be written on our hearts and then seen in our actions. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 104:10-25 (OT, Page 555) Louise Moore Williams

ANTHEM *The Blue Green Hills of Earth* Kim Oler

*For the world we raise our voices, For the home that gives us birth;
In our joy we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth
For the earth forever turning; For the skies, for every sea;
For our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.
For the mountains, hills, and pastures In their silent majesty;
For the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.
For the sun, for rain and thunder, For the seasons' harmony,
For our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to thee.*

NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 1:11-22 NT, Page 200

SERMON “All the Earth” Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elizabeth Poyet

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

Rev. Bynum

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

Solitude

Karl Jenkins

Larchmont Symphonia; Nicole Sharlow, violin solo

*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 340

This is My Song

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Michael Tyree

Nicole Sharlow, Kate Stocker, violin;
Lydia Leizman, viola; Andrew Kromholz, cello

***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!***

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Today's flowers are sponsored by Rebecca Reisman on the occasion of Owen Reisman's baptism and in memory of his great grandparents, Anna and Philip Reisman and Ruthanna and Jack Long.

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.



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!



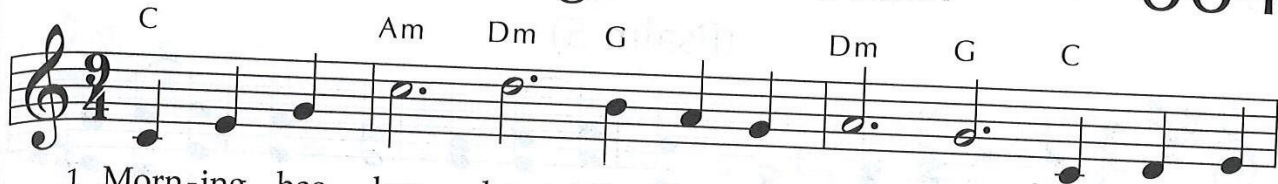
Christian Education:

- **Nursery Care:** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.
- **Sunday School:** Children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join Rev. Anna Grace Claunch in the Library for the full worship hour this morning.
- Peter's study of "**Haggai, Zechariah and the Problem of Environmental Devastation**" will meet today in the Youth Center after Coffee Hour.
- **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet at the regular time this week.
- **Brown Bag Bible Study:** Brown Bag Bible Study will not meet April 28th or May 3rd.
- **SAVE THE DATES:** **May 7th** -- Youth and Confirmation Sunday; **June 4th** – Senior Sunday; **June 26-30** – VBS

THIS WEEK AT LAC	
<u>SUNDAY, APRIL 23</u> 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary / Online) 10:00 am Full Hour Sunday School (Library) 11:00 am ECO Task Force Coffee Hour (Russell) 11:15 pm Minor Prophets/Major Problems (Youth Rm.) 3:00 pm R. Williams Trombone Recital (Sanctuary) 5:00 pm Meeting with Mark Adams (Youth Center)	CHURCH STAFF (914) 834-1800 Senior Pastor and Head of Staff Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum pbynum@lacny.org Ext. 308 Associate Pastor Rev. Anna Grace Claunch agclaunch@lacny.org Ext. 303 Director of Music Ministry Douglas Kostner dkostner@lacny.org Ext. 307 Bookkeeper Gloria Haq ghaq@lacny.org Ext. 310 LAC Preschool Director Kristin DeFelice preschooldirector@lacny.org (914) 834-3984, www.lacpreschool.com Tammy Cosentino, Admin. Assistant adminassistant@lacny.org
<u>MONDAY, APRIL 24</u> 7:00 pm Session (Library)	
<u>TUESDAY, APRIL 25</u> 6:45 pm AI Anon (Library) 7:15 pm AA (Zoom)	
<u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26</u> 5:00 pm TGIF (Youth Center) 6:30 pm SHIFT (Youth Center) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (TBD) 7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)	
<u>THURSDAY, APRIL 27</u> 4:00 pm Rummage Sale (Russell/Lindsley/Carhart)	
<u>FRIDAY, APRIL 28</u> 9:30 am Rummage Sale (Russell/Lindsley/Carhart)	
<u>SATURDAY, APRIL 29</u> 9:00 am Rummage Sale (Russell/Lindsley/Carhart)	

Morning Has Broken

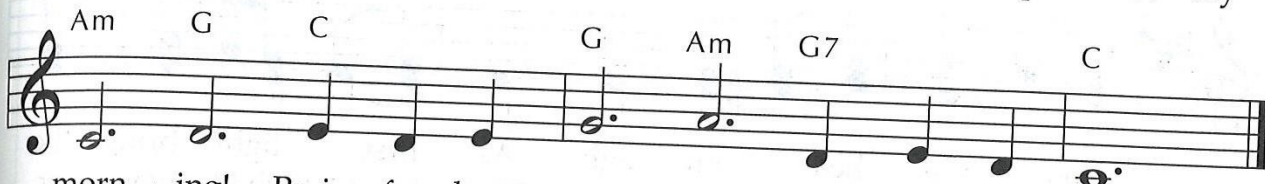
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- 1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



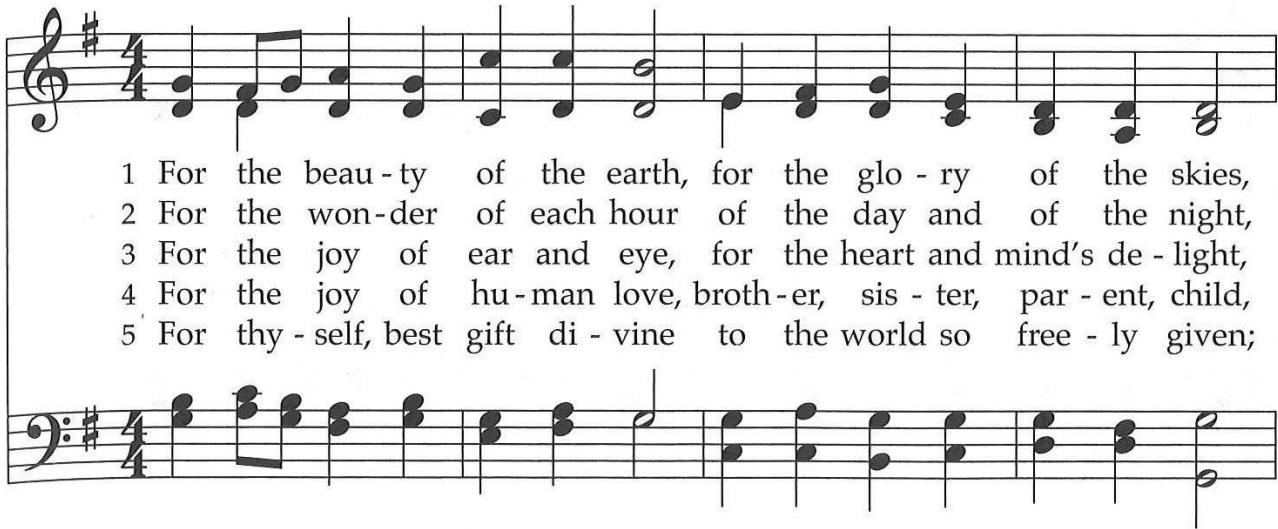
spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



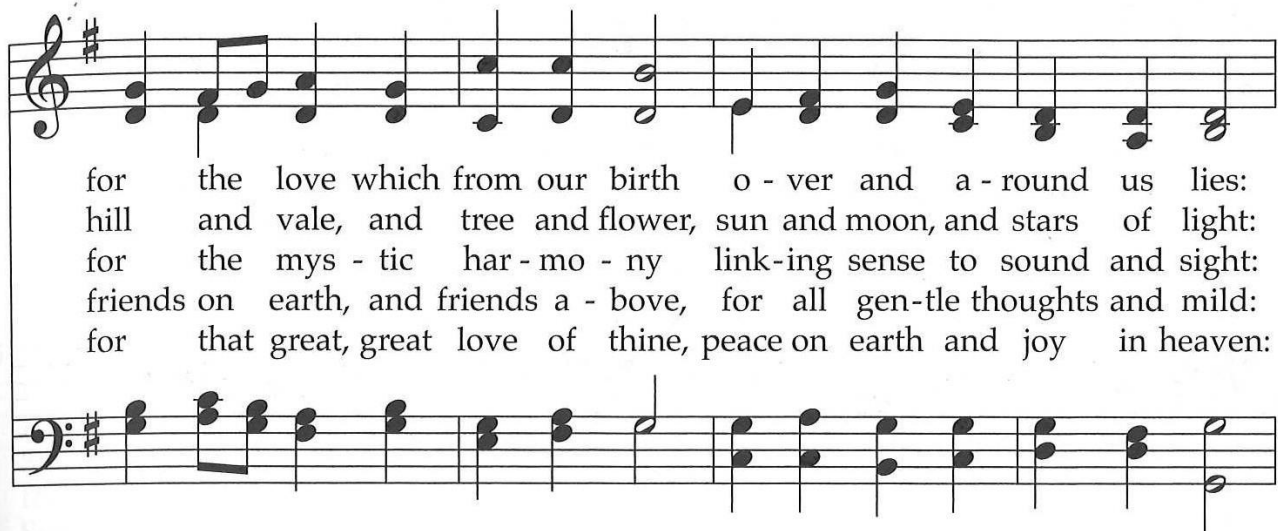
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

For the Beauty of the Earth

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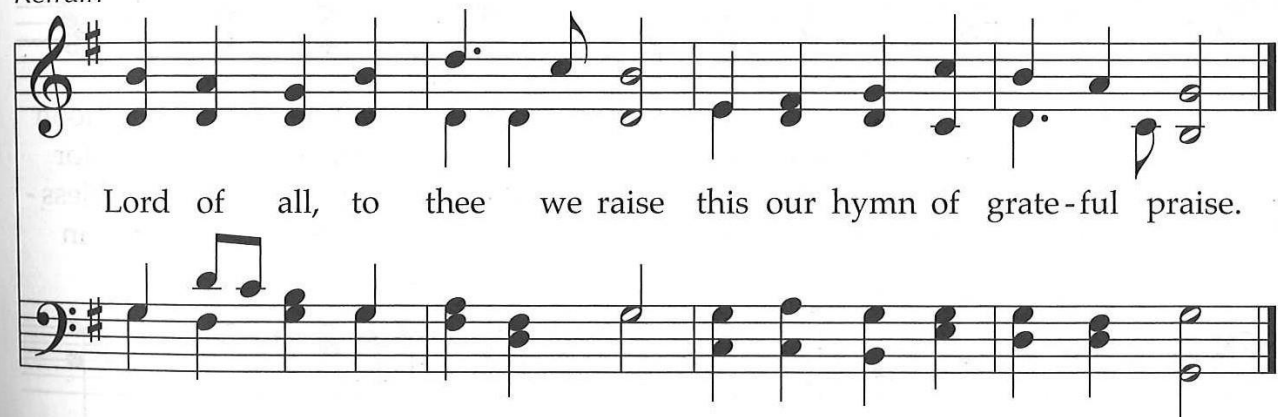


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

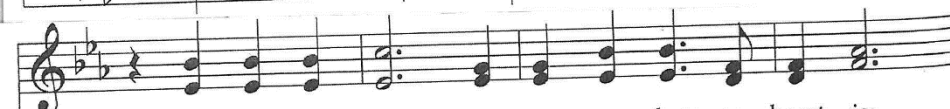
This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



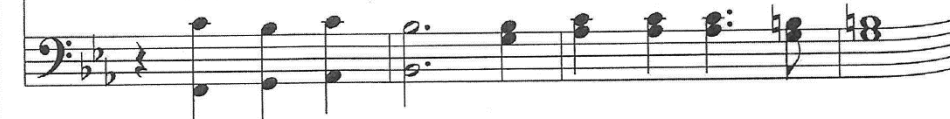
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

