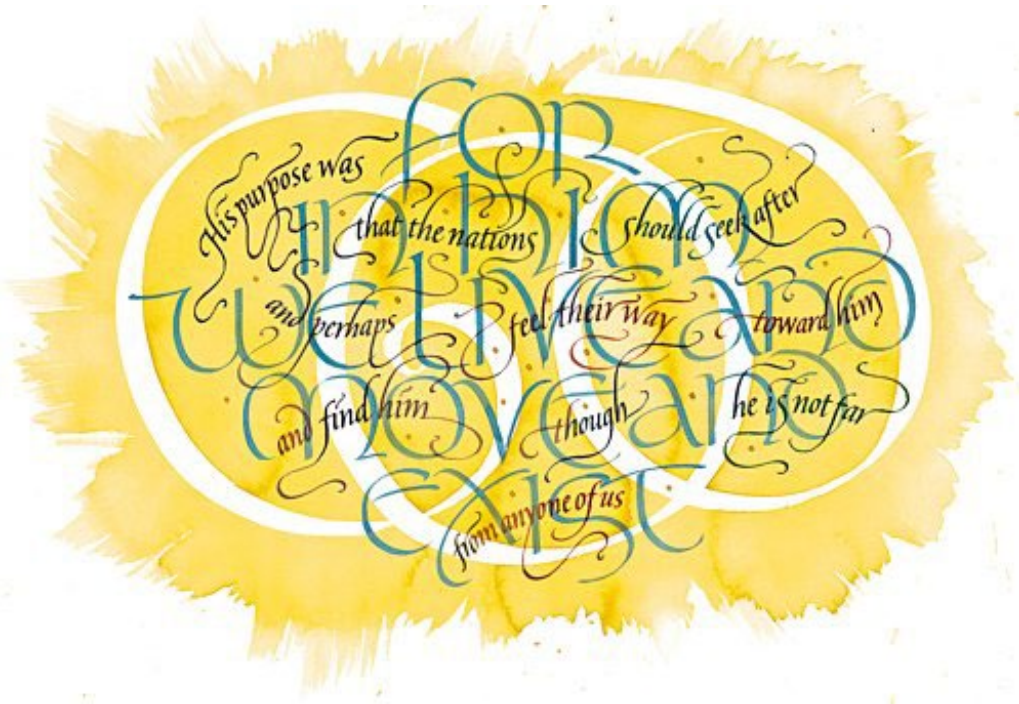


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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 2023

PRELUDE

Royal Oak
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

Robert Vandall

INTROIT

Your Word is a Lamp
Your word is lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, you call us.

We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you.

Creator God, you invite us to stay with you.

You never leave us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you.

Creator God, you love us.

Extravagant is your welcome and we gather as one to worship you.

*OPENING HYMN 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' name...

(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.

*THE PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Bev McAllister
**Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Walk with us.
Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your
way. Amen**

PSALTER Psalm 66:8-2 OT, Page 528

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bynum

ANTHEM *I Am With You Always* John Rutter
*Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:
and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him.
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 17:22-31 NT, Page 137

SERMON "Searching for God" Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*HYMN 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

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
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Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.*



OFFERTORY *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech
Shawn Jeffery, soloist; Ben Wien, piano
*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love;*

*My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing, Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*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 69

"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

John Carter

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

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:** No Sunday School today! For Mother's Day, we are giving our teachers a much-deserved break! Children are encouraged to join us for worship. Sunday School will resume next week.
- **TGIF and SHIFT** will meet on Wednesday at 5 pm for 6th-8th grade and 6:30 pm for 9th-12th grade.
- **Brown Bag Bible Study:** Bring a lunch, bring a friend, or just bring yourself on Wednesday at 12 pm.

SAVE THE DATES: June 4th – Senior Sunday; June 11th – Church Picnic; June 26-30 – VBS

THIS WEEK AT LAC	
<u>SUNDAY, MAY 14</u>	
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Russell)
<u>MONDAY, MAY 15</u>	
7:00 pm	Trustees (Lindsley)
<u>TUESDAY, MAY 16</u>	
6:30 am	School Board Election (Russell Hall)
6:45 pm	Al Anon (Library)
7:15 pm	AA (Carhart / Zoom)
<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 17</u>	
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)
7:30 pm	Symphonia (Chapel)
<u>THURSDAY, MAY 18</u>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
4:00 pm	Westchester Children's Chorus
7:15 pm	AA (Carhart)
<u>FRIDAY, MAY 19</u>	
11:30 am	Women's Club (Carhart)
<u>SATURDAY, MAY 20</u>	
3:00 pm	Nicole Sharlow Recital (Sanctuary)
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Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



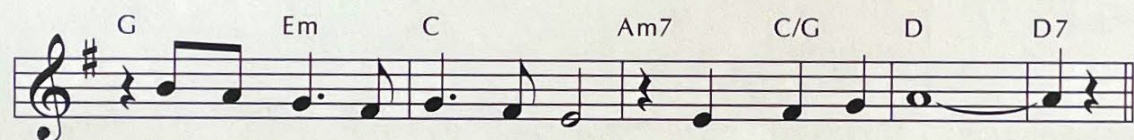
1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



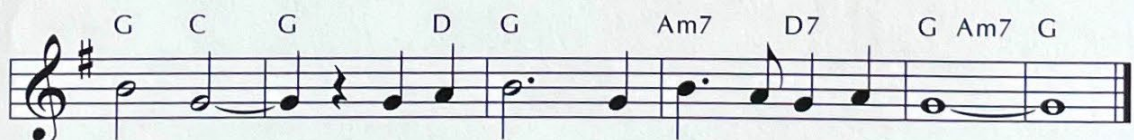
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.