



# Larchmont Avenue Church

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May 28, 2023  
**Pentecost Sunday**

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

## SERVICE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

PRELUDE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Robert Vandall  
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

INTROIT *As Many Are Led* George Thalben Ball  
*As many are led by the Spirit of God, they are the people of God.*

WELCOME Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OPENING SCRIPTURE – THE ARRIVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Acts 2:1-21

\*OPENING HYMN 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.**

**You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and set your Spirit loose among us.**

**Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, so that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and share your love more freely...**

*(Silent prayer)*

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)* Amy Hart  
**Spirit of the Living God, as we continue to share your Word this morning, fall afresh upon us in these moments. Open us to your mystery, share with us your wisdom, and help us to see new possibilities that you are creating even now, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

LITANY FOR PENTECOST (from Psalm 104)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, how great you are!

**You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in a garment of light.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot,  
you ride on the wings of the wind;

**you make the winds your messengers; fire and flame are your ministers.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

**When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; in You, the world is renewed.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all of creation.

**We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God as long  
as we have breath! Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

ANTHEM

*Empty of Me*

David Lantz

Hilary Hawke, banjo; Alex and Jordan Pak, violin & viola

*I hunger in the morning for a taste of your grace, I thirst for your Spirit full and free.  
You promised you would fill me with your power divine, But first I must be empty of me.  
Light the flame of your Spirit in my vessel today, Pour out all that would quench the holy  
fire.*

*Lord, will me with your Spirit till my cup overflows And always keep me empty of me.*

*Fill me up, Lord, I want to overflow, Fill me up with your Spirit full and free.*

*Turn me upside down, pour me out on the ground, The fill me up and keep me empty of me.*

*So, Spirit, make my heart your home, my soul your very own.*

*Full of you is what I long to be. A life that's overflowing with your mercy and grace.*

*Fill me up and keep me empty of me.*

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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SERMON

"The Active Ingredient"

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*HYMN 410

*God is Calling through the Whisper*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

**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

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Hilary Hawke, banjo

Spiritual

\*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 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

\*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*In Christ There Is No East or West*  
Hilary Hawke, banjo

Spiritual

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,  
but there is no expectation that you remain seated.*

*\* please stand if you are able*

### MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's flowers** are given by Amy Hart on behalf of all our deacons and in honor of all our veterans living and dead, including Amy's dad, who would have turned 101 today and was a member of WWII's "greatest generation."

**LAC has a new History Wall!** The photos of our founder and all the previous senior pastors have been reframed and are hanging in the second-floor hallway opposite Rev. Bynum's office. With many thanks to a number of people—Penny Oberg and Laura Torrisi, our custodians Gerry and Caesar, and to our current senior pastor, Peter Bynum, who brought the tools and hung the portraits. Please climb the stairs and take a look.

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:** Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no Sunday School this Sunday.
- **TGIF and SHIFT** will both meet this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Manice home for a combined end-of-year celebration. Thank you to our youth and advisors for a wonderful 2022-23 school year!
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** meets every Wednesday at noon in the Lindsley Room.
- **SAVE THE DATES:** **June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Sunday; **June 26-30** – VBS

THIS WEEK AT LAC

**SUNDAY, MAY 28**

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary / Online)  
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell)

**MONDAY, MAY 29**

Memorial Day – office closed

**TUESDAY, MAY 30**

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart / Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)  
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study  
(Lindsley)  
5:30 pm TGIF and SHIFT Party  
(Manice home)  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)  
7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)  
4:00 pm Westchester Children's  
Chorus  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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GATHERING

# 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

## GATHERING

## Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

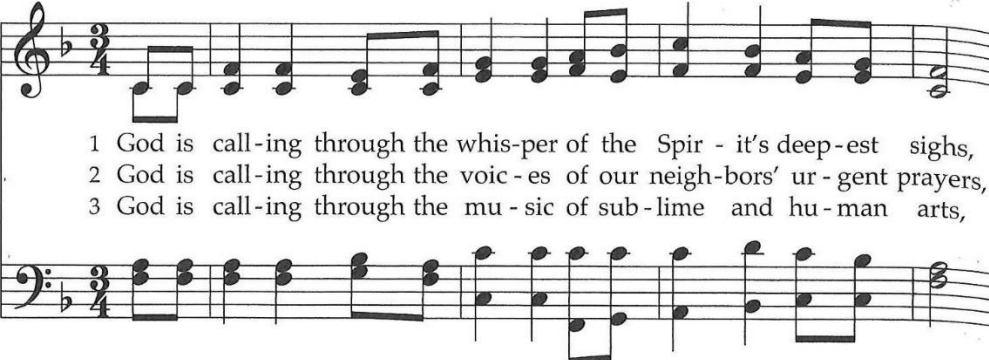
with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

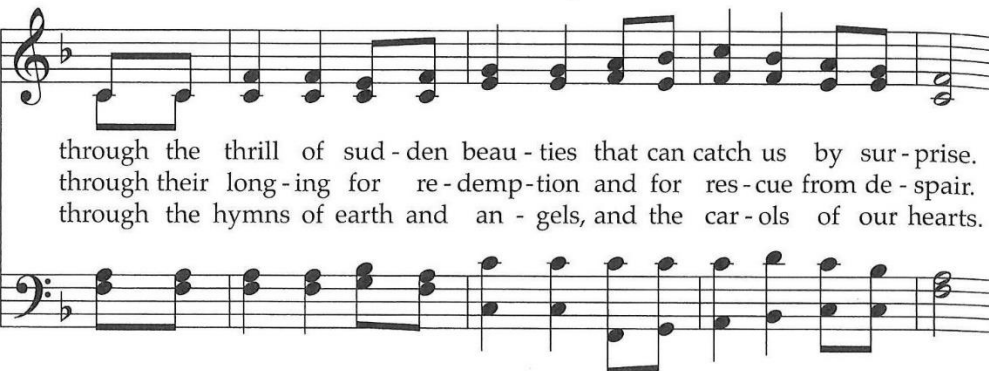
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.



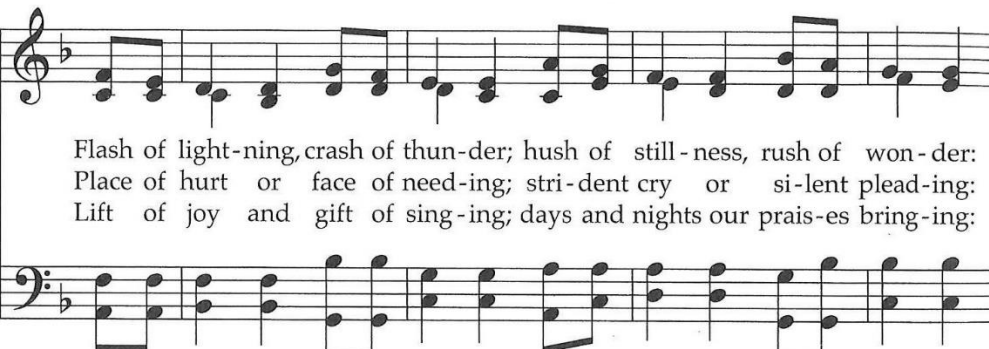
## 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

## 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

## GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to  
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -  
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

The first system of musical notation for 'Gift of the Holy Spirit' features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody in the treble staff includes three triplet markings over the notes for 'stone', 'church', and 'loud'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody in the treble staff has a triplet marking over the notes for 'God's'. The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.