



Larchmont Avenue Church

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July 9, 2023

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 9, 2023

PRELUDE

Nettleton
Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

Marshall MacDonald

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and I will give you rest."

All of us know what it is like to be weary. All of us carry heavy burdens.

Let us accept Christ's invitation. **We long to rest in God.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even, when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.

In your mercy, O Lord, still our conflicted souls, order our faltering steps, and guide our feet back to your Way. *(time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

***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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(in unison)

O Lord, we ask you to speak to us now through your holy Word. Show us your Way, guide us to your Truth, and fill us with your Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-2, 6-9

OT, page 694-695

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

ANTHEM

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

Harry Burleigh

Valerie Girardi, soloist

*And I couldn't hear nobody pray, and I couldn't hear nobody pray;
O, way down yonder by myself, and I couldn't hear nobody pray.*

*In the valley! On my knees! With my burden! And my Savior!
Chilly waters! In the Jordan! Crossing over! Into Canaan!
Hallelujah! Troubles over! In the kingdom! With my Jesus!*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 7:15-25a

NT, page 157

SERMON

You Ain't Got To/You Can't Help It

Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and power and 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

Did You Think to Pray
Caitlyn Carpenter, viola

Marshall McDonald

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Claunch

*HYMN 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

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

**please stand if you are able*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s flowers are given by Betty Roodal in thanksgiving to God for His many blessings, and with gratitude to my wonderful co-workers and the welcoming congregation of Larchmont Avenue Church.

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 broodal@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 broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Nursery Care: ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

<p><u>SUNDAY, July 9</u> 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online) 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley/Russell Hall)</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, July 11</u> 3:15 pm At Home on the Sound 6:45 pm (Russell Hall) 7:00 pm Al Anon (Library) Finance (Classroom 202) 7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, July 12</u> 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley) 7:00 pm WCC Singing Group (Russell Hall)</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, July 13</u> 7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)</p>	<p>Senior Pastor and Head of Staff Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum pbynum@lacny.org Ext. 308</p> <p>Associate Pastor Rev. Anna Grace Claunch agclaunch@lacny.org Ext. 303</p> <p>Director of Music Ministry Douglas Kostner dkostner@lacny.org Ext. 307</p> <p>Secretary/Communications Director Betty Roodal broodal@lacny.org Ext. 302</p> <p>Bookkeeper Gloria Haq ghaq@lacny.org Ext. 310</p>
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb-e-ne-zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a dubt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise,
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the moun-t! I'm fixed up-on it, moun-t of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Anne's Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

DISCIPLINE AND MISSION

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly patha of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in cross - es, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the tu - ture's broad - ering way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to slay and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting to the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-utility but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.