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July 23, 2023

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The Service for the Lord's Day

July 23, 2023

PRELUDE

Abbot's Leigh

Mark Sedio

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Three-in-One Plus One” by David Lose

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 409

God is Here (verses 1 and 4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Claunch

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Forgive, we pray, what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name...

(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)*

Rev. Claunch

O God, by your Word and Spirit, grant us the wisdom of your Word this morning, so that, as your heirs and your children, we might follow the lead of the Good Shepherd. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 *OT, pages 577-578*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

ANTHEM O God, You Search Me Bernadette Farrell
Valerie Girardi, soloist

*O God, you search me and you know me, All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.
You know my resting and my rising, You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me: In every moment of life or death, you are.
Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past, and future too.
Although your spirit is upon me, Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
For you created me and shaped me, Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:12-25 Rev. Bynum

SERMON "The Spirit of Adoption" Rev. Bynum

*HYMN 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (verses 1, 4 and 5)*

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. 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

That Will Be Glory!
Richard Williams, trombone

Brant Adams

*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 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna
Richard Williams, trombone

Brant Adams

*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 sanctuary flowers are placed by Dale and Eamon Kelly in loving memory of Dawn Anderson Denti.

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

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JULY 23

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, JULY 25

3:15 pm At Home on the Sound (Russell Hall))

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY JULY 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, JULY 27

7:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)



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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

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Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

GATHERING

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.