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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 30, 2023

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.
So let's come with joy to offer our worship
to God who knows and loves us all.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Rev. Bynum

Gracious God, we find ourselves in circumstances we have not chosen, and we scurry to find any sense of normalcy. We know that You are the Rock, yet we lean on other foundations; We know that You are sovereign, but we seek security in our own control; We know that You give comfort, but we elevate comforts of our own design; We know that You satisfy, but we keep scrolling; We know that You set us free, but addiction grips us tightly; We know that You call us to rest, but we keep struggling. By grace, forgive us. In mercy, meet us. By your Holy Spirit, equip us to walk in the newness of life-with-Christ, In Jesus' Name, Amen. *(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.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM Carson Anne Garrett Farina
child of Joseph and Caroline Farina

PRAYER

BAPTISM & WELCOME

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(in unison)

Rev. Bynum

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 22:1-11

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

ANTHEM

If God Is For Us
Emilie Davis, soloist

Grayson Warren Brown

*If God is for us, who can be against us? If God is on our side, what can we be denied?
In all these things we are more than conquerors in Jesus. If God is on our side, what can we be denied?*

*If God is for us, who then can condemn us? Surely not Christ our Lord, who arose from the dead?
There is nothing in this world that can separate us from His love. If God is on our side, what can we be denied?*

*If God is for us, who can stand against us? If Christ did set us free, who can make us a slave?
Can pain or suffering keep us from the love of Jesus? If God is on our side, what can we be denied?*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:26-39

Rev. Claunch

SERMON

“Nothing Between”

*HYMN 177

I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)

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. 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

David's Lamentation

John Ogasapian

*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. Bynum

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There is a Flower

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

Promise

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

*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 John and Marty Farris with blessings.

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 30

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley/Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:00 pm Deacons (Zoom)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

3:15 pm At Home on the Sound (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Summer Women's Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

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Here in This Place

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

A D A E

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

F#m D Esus E

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

A D C# F#m

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, ; I will be your light. ;
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

Bm A D Esus E Esus E

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All

A D E F#m7 D

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

Esus E A D E F#m F#m7

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

D Esus E A E D E A E D E

love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

