



# Larchmont Avenue Church

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Fall Kickoff

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 10, 2023

PRELUDE

*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

Sigrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Stephen Schwartz

Emilie Surtees, soloist

*O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim, And all that is within me join to bless his holy name.*

*O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind, Forget not all his benefits, the Lord to thee is kind.*

*He will not always chide, he will with patience wait, His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate. He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath; He healeth thy infirmities and ransoms thee from death.*

*He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth, And like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.*

*Then bless his holy name, whose grace hath made thee whole, Whose loving kindness crowns thy days. O bless the Lord my soul!*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\*OPENING HYMN 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Christ our Lord, you call your disciples to follow you, but we have wandered from the paths of righteousness. As we devote our time and energy to various priorities, following You is often low on our lists. Though we invest ourselves in all kinds of work, honoring your call is rarely our first priority. When we envision the lives we want, sacrifice and service to a cause greater than ourselves is usually in the periphery, if it is in the picture at all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Give us courage to follow.**

**Speak to us again, and write your Word upon our hearts, so that we might live in your Spirit and be your true disciples...**

*(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.***

## MOMENT FOR MISSION: FALL KICKOFF

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING FOR THE YEAR

#### ANTHEM

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
Emilie Surtees, soloist

Charles Gabriel

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home;  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he; His eye is on the sparrow, and I  
know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing  
because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear, And resting on his goodness, I  
lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I  
know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing  
because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise; When songs give place to sighing, when  
hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know  
he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing  
because I'm free;  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Rev. Bynum

**Christ the Good Shepherd, as we prepare to open, read, and proclaim your  
Word, help us to hear your voice and answer your call. Speak, Lord, for your  
servants are listening. Amen.**

#### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:23-24, 4:2-6

NT, page 202

#### SERMON

"Soul"

Rev. Bynum

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 the 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

*How Great Thou Art*

John Carter

Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

\*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

\*HYMN 700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

*I'm Gonna Live*

John Carter

Ben Wien, piano

*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

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](mailto: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](mailto:broodal@lacny.org) to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Youth Group returns next Wednesday, September 13th! All parents and youth are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday at 5 pm in Russell Hall. Questions? Email [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org)

- **Nursery Care:** Available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.
- **Sunday School is back!** After the Children's Message, kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed to Sunday School. Ages 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade will meet in the Lindsley Room across from the sanctuary, and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet downstairs in Carhart. Parents may pick up their kids from their classroom following the worship service.

### **THIS WEEK AT LAC**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
11:15 am Block Party (Forest Park Avenue)  
5:00 pm Youth Parent Meeting (Russell Hall)

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

5:00 pm 9/11 Memorial Ceremony (Girl Scout Rock on Myrtle Blvd. in Larchmont)

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)  
7:00 pm Finance Committee (Classroom 202)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)  
7:30 pm Westchester Chorale (Russell Hall)

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)  
5:00 pm TGIF (Youth Center)  
6:15 pm SHIFT (Youth Center)  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)  
7:30 pm Personnel Committee (TBD)

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

11:30 am Woman's Club of Larchmont (Carhart)

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## 663 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly  
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my  
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -

stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with

joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

These three stanzas (of the original fifteen) convey the essence of the morning hymn that was paired with "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (no. 675) in the daily devotions of the boys at Winchester College. This tune was later composed especially for these words.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.