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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 2023

PRELUDE

The Servant Song

David Maxwell

INTROIT

You Shall Love the Lord
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your mind, and with all your will.

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When a young man asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life, Jesus answered,
**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as
yourself."**

When two disciples asked Jesus for special status, Jesus answered,
"Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

When the group began to argue about who was the greatest and best, Jesus said,
**"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever
would be first among you must be slave of all."**

As we come together to see, to hear, and to follow Christ,
let us worship the God who shows us the Way.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 625 *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art) (verses 1, 3, and 4)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**Christ our Lord, you call your disciples to follow you, but we have wandered
from the paths of righteousness.**

**Though we have heard you say that whoever wishes to become great must be a
servant, we still seek seats of glory. We organize our lives around ladders to
climb, not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, and give us servant hearts. Speak to us again, and let your
Spirit abide in us, so that we follow your Way 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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Louise Moore Williams

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15

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4TH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Claunch

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 10:35-45

Rev. Bynum

SERMON

“Service”

ANTHEM

O Jesus I Have Promised

Timothy Shaw

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near my, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

Lord Jesus, you have promised, to all who follow you,
That where you art in glory there shall your servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Now give me grace to follow, my Master, and my friend.*

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 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

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Richard Gillard

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we will find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*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 22

God of the Sparrow (verses 1, 4, 5, and 6)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

John Carter

*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.



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.
- **Sunday School is back!** After the Children's Message, kids ages 3 through 5th grade will be dismissed to Sunday School. Ages 3 through 1st grade will meet in the Lindsley Room across from the sanctuary, and 2nd-5th grade will meet downstairs in Carhart. Parents may pick up their kids from their classroom following the worship service.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:15 am Coffee Hour
11:15 am Confirmation Organizational Meeting (Youth Rm)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)
5:00 pm TGIF (Youth Center)
6:15 pm SHIFT (Youth Center)
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)
7:00 pm The Spiritual Child Book Study (Carhart Room)
7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:00 pm The Spiritual Child Book Study (Carhart Room)
4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

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ADORATION

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O Lord My God
How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



Refrain



u-ni-verse dis-played:
feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
take a-way my sin:
God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

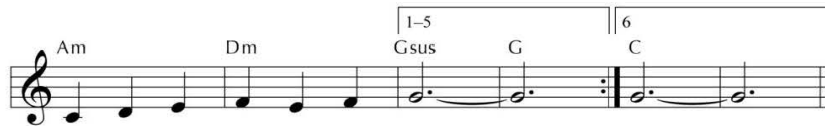
22 God of the Sparrow



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
2	God	of	the	earth - quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the
3	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl - ing	stars	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Awe
trum - pet	blast	How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Woe
emp - ty	grave	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Grace
prod - i - gal		How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Care
prun - ing	hook	How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Love
lov - ing	heart	How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How	does	the	crea - ture	cry	Save
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Thanks
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Life
How	does	the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How	do	your	chil - dren	say	Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

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ROEDER
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