

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 8, 2023

PRELUDE

*Hendon*

Jeff Perks

INTROIT

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Douglas Kostner

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We learn early to put our confidence in the flesh – to grab what we can grab, claim what we can claim, and boast when we can boast.

**But a life of discipleship regards all of this as loss, because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.**

We seek to know him better, and to become like him.

**We fall short of this lofty goal, but we press on to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has made us his own.**

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

**let us press on toward the goal: the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus!**

## \*THE PEACE

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

## \*OPENING HYMN 757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in unison)*

**God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and our deliverer...**

*(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)

**God of goodness and light, as we open your Word this morning, help us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead. Led by your wisdom, inspire us to press on toward the worthy goal of being your true disciples. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON "Our Spiritual Resume"

ANTHEM *In the Year that King Uzziah Died* Rachel Aarons

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*

*And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.*

*Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*

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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Dan Forrest

*When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.  
  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.  
  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## \*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 697

*Take My Life (verses 1, 4, 5 and 6)*

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

## POSTLUDE

*Kingsfold*

Aaron David Miller

*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)



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

Today is the first day of **Tiny Theologians!** Once a month the kids will take a break from the weekly Sunday School curriculum and meet with Rev. Claunch during the full worship hour to talk about some of the tougher questions kids have about God. Preschoolers through 5th graders can be dropped off in the Carhart Room prior to worship.

**Youth News:** TGIF & SHIFT will be meeting at their regular times on Wednesday for a pumpkin carving party! Additionally, on Wednesday at 7 pm, the Larchmont Mamaroneck Counseling Center will be hosting a mental health awareness workshop for youth parents. While this is an LAC event, it is open to any parents of middle and high schoolers, so feel free to bring a friend! Please RSVP to [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Claunch will be walking in the **Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk** at Harbor Island Park at 10 am. This is a youth event, but the congregation is welcome to join!

This year we are partnering with Bridges to Community and traveling to the Dominican Republic for the **2024 February Mission Trip** (2/17-2/24). The trip is open to anyone in the congregation and community. Interested? Reach out to Rev. Claunch at [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).

Don't forget to RSVP for the LAC Fellowship Celebration on October 15<sup>th</sup>!!



### **EARTH CARE CONGREGATION SAVE THE DATES:**

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 - 3:15 pm (Rain date Sun. 1/29)

**FALL TREE WALK** -- Patty Towle will lead a walk around LAC's neighborhood and make stops at some of the most important and interesting trees in Southern Westchester.

**Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**"ROOTING FOR TREES"** -- Our local HOW Green! group is thrilled to bring to LAC keynote speaker **Andrew Reinmann**, Assistant Professor at CUNY Advanced Science Research Center, to discuss the critical role that trees play in efforts to combat climate change. This event is free and open to the public.

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

10:00 am Worship  
(Sanctuary/Online)  
10:00 am Tiny Theologians  
(Carhart)  
2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

### MONDAY OCTOBER 9

Office Closed-Columbus Day

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)  
7:00 pm Finance Comm  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)  
7:30 pm Chorale (Russell)

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm TGIF (Youth Suite)  
6:00 pm SHIFT (Youth Suite)  
7:00 pm Mental Health  
Awareness: For Parents  
7:00 pm Symphonia (Chapel)  
7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell )

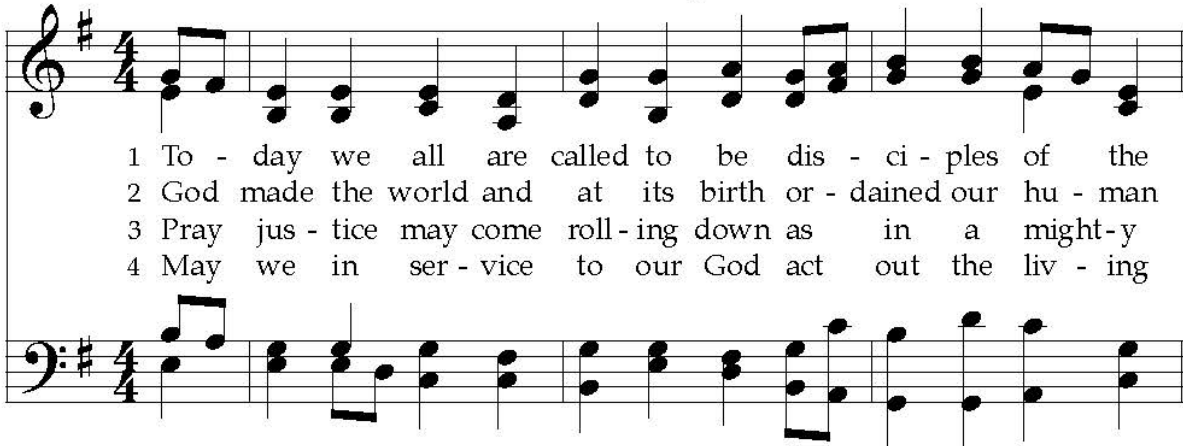
### THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
(Lindsley)  
4:00 pm W C Chorus (Russell)  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

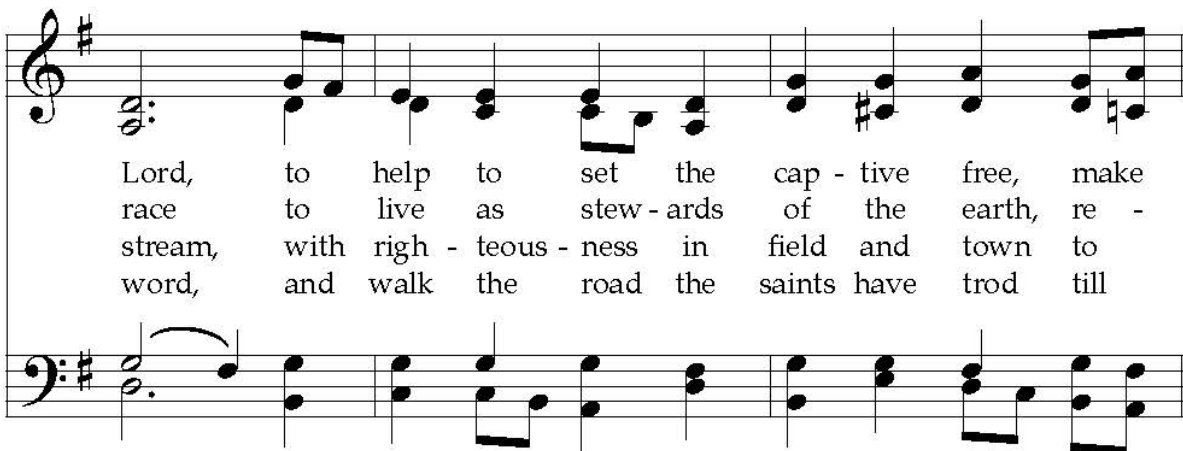
### SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

9:00 am W C Chorus Retreat  
(Russell)  
10:00 am Out of the Darkness  
Walk (Harbor Island)

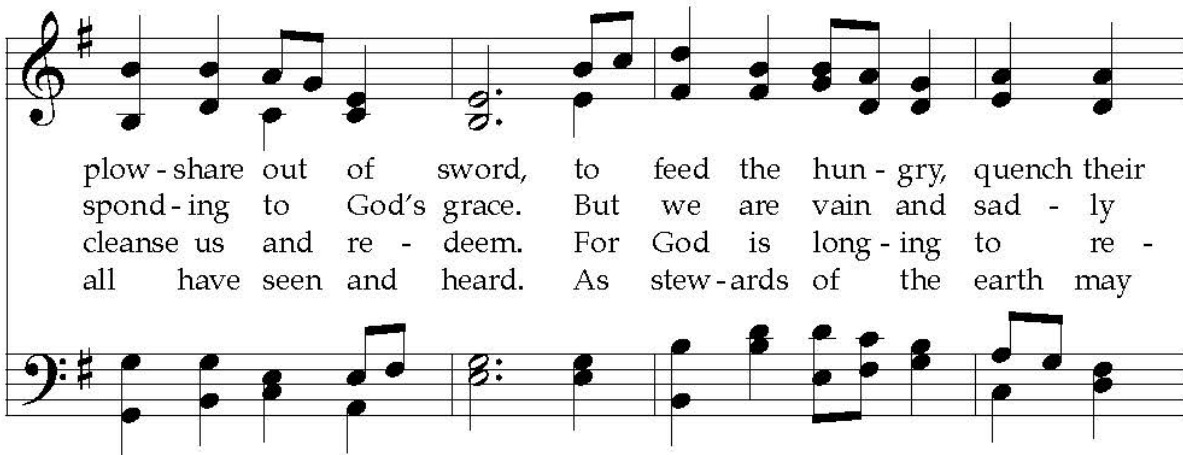
# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

## JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes.

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp. The music continues from the first system, maintaining the same style. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

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## Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.