



Larchmont Avenue Church

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October 15, 2023
Stewardship Sunday

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 15, 2023

PRELUDE

Lindstead
Ben Wien, piano

Marshall Barnhouse

INTROIT

I Will Lift You Up Douglas Kostner
I will lift you up high, my God, my true King. I will bless your name forever and always.

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here as the body of Christ,

God's servants working together.

O Lord, we ask you to call us into this time of worship,

to hear the good news and to sing our praise, for we are the hands and feet of Jesus here and now.

*THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Almighty God, you set before us life and prosperity, but we set our sights on the goals of the world. We do not listen to your commandments; we bow down to other gods; we rely on our own wisdom and strength instead of yours.

Break us of our longing for things we can see and touch. Help us to remember that it is you who gives the growth. Help us seek you first, and make your righteousness our aim, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(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 light and life, as we open your Word this morning, help us to delight in its wisdom and to meditate on your law of love, so that we might be, as the psalmist says, like trees planted by streams of water, with leaves that do not wither, and fruit that pleases you. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

OT, page 548-549

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, *NT page 167*

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

SERMON

“The Gift of Growth”

ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Charles Wood

*Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

“Growing through Community and Faith”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Bynum

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

Angel's Hymn
Debra Whitman, harp

Rhett Barnwell

*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 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

Spiritual

*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 Today:** Following the Children's Message, kids ages 3 through 5th grade are dismissed for Sunday School. **Today, classes will meet in the CHAPEL as a combined group for music time with Jenna Stufkosky, the music teacher at Briarcliff Manor School.**
- **Confirmation Class** meets today at 11:15am in the Youth Room.

LAC Fellowship Celebration today, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Carhart!!

EARTH CARE CONGREGATION SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, October 28th 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. 5th 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 15

10:00 am Worship -Stewardship Sunday (Sanctuary/Online)
10:00 am Sunday School (Library)
11:15 am Coffee Hour
6:00 pm LAC Fellowship Celebration (Carhart)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)
5:00 pm TGIF & SHIFT - Hope Soup Kitchen
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)
7:00 pm The Spiritual Child Book Study (Carhart)
7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
12:00 am The Spiritual Child Book Study (Carhart)
4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart/Chapel)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

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

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526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.