



Philipp Melanchthon, Martin Luther, Johann Bugenhagen, and Caspar Cruciger translate the Bible. Lithograph by Alphonse Léon Noël, from a painting by Pierre-Antoine Labouchère, ca. 1846.

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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**Reformation Sunday**  
October 29, 2023

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 29, 2023

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Ric Flauding  
Larchmont Symphonia

INTROIT *Your Word is a Lamp* Douglas Kostner  
*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory,

**All: but by the grace of God we are redeemed.**

One: Let us worship God.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Birgit Mengel, Colleen Reed, and Ben Wien

## \*THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 451 *Open My Eyes that I May See* (verses 1 and 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  
*(from Scots Confession, Chapter XV, 1560)*

**“We confess and acknowledge that... our nature is so corrupt, weak, and imperfect, that we are never able perfectly to fulfill the works of the law. Even after we are reborn, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth of God is not in us.**

**It is therefore essential for us to lay hold on Christ Jesus, in his righteousness and his atonement, since he is the end and consummation of the Law and since it is by him that we are set at liberty so that the curse of God may not fall upon us...”**

*(time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(responsively) (from Scots Confession, Chapter XV, 1560)*

**All: “As God the Father beholds us in the body of his Son Christ Jesus, he accepts our imperfect obedience as if it were perfect, and covers our works, which are defiled with many stains, with the righteousness of his Son.”**

One: Let trust in the good news and be at peace...

All: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 580

***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.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*) (a prayer by John Calvin, 1542)

**“O Lord, who is the fountain of all wisdom and learning... infuse your Spirit into me, the Spirit of understanding, of truth, judgment, and prudence, lest my study be without success, and the labor of my teacher be in vain... Amen.”**

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

NT, Page 213

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

SECOND READING

Romans 1:16–17, 3:22b–28

NT, Page 152, 154

SERMON

“A Church in the Reformed Tradition”

Rev. Bynum

\*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes that I May See* (verse 3)

ANTHEM

*Psalm 1*

Mark Hayes

*Blessed are the ones who delight in the law of the Lord. On God’s law they meditate day and night. They are like a tree planted by the water, which yields its fruit in season, whose leaf shall never wither, and all they do shall prosper. Blessed are the ones who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers, for they delight in the law of the Lord.*

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

John Irving

CALL TO OFFERING *(in unison) (from John Calvin's commentary on Genesis, 1554)*

**Just as “the custody of the garden was given in charge to Adam,” so have many blessings been given to us by God. These gifts are bestowed “on the condition that, being content with the frugal and moderate use of them, we should take care of all that remains.”**

**As we consider our many blessings, let us remember that each of us is “the steward of God in all things.” May we honor and serve God with our faith, our hearts, our gifts, and our lives.**

OFFERTORY *Nearer, My God to Thee* Han-Ki Kim  
Larchmont Symphonia

\*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

\*CLOSING HYMN 275 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

\*CLOSING PRAYER *(in unison) (a prayer by John Knox, 1556)* Rev. Bynum

**“Most merciful Father, we render to thee all praise, thanks, and glory, for that it hath pleased thee, of thy great mercies, to grant unto us, miserable sinners, so excellent a gift and treasure, as to receive us into the fellowship and company of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord... And now, we beseech thee also, O heavenly Father, to grant us this request: that thou never suffer us to become so unkind as to forget so worthy benefits; but rather imprint and fasten them sure in our hearts, that we may grow and increase daily more and more in true faith, which continually is exercised in all manner of good works; and so much the rather, O Lord, confirm us in these perilous days... that we may constantly stand and continue in the confession of the same, to the advancement of thy glory, who art God over all things, blessed forever. So be it. Amen.”**

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* Lowell Hohstadt  
Larchmont Symphonia

*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!



- **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for Sunday School.

### Growing through Community and Faith

**Stewardship 2024**

**Goals:**

**10% ↑ in gifts**  
**110 total pledges**

**Commitments to date:**

**\$109,800**

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PRIOR DONORS

1

NEW DONORS

8

INCREASED GIFTS

### EARTH CARE CONGREGATION SAVE THE DATES:

**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 29

Nominating Committee	9:00 AM (Library)
Sunday School	10:00 AM (Carhart)
Worship	10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM (Russell Hall)

#### Tuesday October 31

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

#### Wednesday November 1

Staff Meeting	11:00 AM (Lindsley)
TGIF	5:00 PM (Youth Center)
SHIFT	6:30 PM (Youth Center)
Jed Koball Presentation	6:00 PM (Carhart)
Larchmont Symphonia	7:00 PM (Chapel)
Chancel Choir	7:45 PM (Russell Hall)

#### Thursday November 2

Westchester Ch. Chorus	4:00 PM
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#### Saturday November 4

Woman’s Club: Comm.	11:00 AM
Food Donation Day	

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# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff contains a bass line with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The music is in a common time signature, indicated by a 'C' on the treble staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicated by a sharp sign on the F line of the treble staff and a sharp sign on the C line of the bass staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.