



Larchmont Avenue Church

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November 12, 2023

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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PRELUDE *Kelvingrove* Charles Callahan
Alex Pak, violin

INTROIT *Blessed Are They Who Trust* Douglas Kostner
Blessed are they who trust in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Together, when we choose to serve God:

We choose love. We choose hope. We choose peace.

Together, when we choose to follow Christ:

We choose kindness. We choose welcome. We choose justice.

Together, when we choose to trust the Holy Spirit:

We choose refuge. We choose strength. We choose a fortress against the storm.

Let us worship God.

*THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we do not want to put in the work. So we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays, and follow our own paths the rest of the time. We choose what we think is best for us, and we look for life in the idols of this world.

Forgive us, Lord. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Help us to stay awake, remain alert, and keep our lamps lit and ready for you to arrive...

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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)*

Lord of hope and deliverance, as we open the scriptures to read and proclaim your Word, help us to choose this day whom we will serve. Give us ears to hear your wisdom, and the will to live as you call us to live, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:1-13

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *O Give Thanks and Sing* Harriet Willoughby

*O give thanks and sing, Sing praise to God above
Thank him for his mercy, Praise him for his wonderful love.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sing Alleluia to God above.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Rev. Bynum

SERMON "As for Me and My Family"

ANTHEM *Eternal God* Richard Shephard

*Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you;
Eternal God, the joy of the hearts that love you;
Eternal God, the strength of the wills that love you.
Grant us so to know you, that we may truly trust you.
Grant us so to love you, that we may freely serve you.
To the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

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 Stewardship 2024 Barb Flickinger

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 *Come, Follow Me* Marshall MacDonald
The Pak Pack

*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 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, and 5)*

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE *L'Agréable* Marin Marais
Jordan Pak, viola

*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.
- **Tiny Theologians!** Preschoolers through 5th graders can be dropped off in the Carhart Room prior to worship.
- **Tween Theologians!** 6th graders and up will meet in Carhart Room at 11:15 AM.



THIS WEEK AT LAC

Sunday November 12

Tiny Theologians	10:00 AM (Carhart)
Worship	10:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM (Russell Hall)
Tween Theologians	11:15 AM (Carhart)

Monday November 13

**VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED
OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday November 14

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

Wednesday November 15

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

Thursday November 16

The Spiritual Child	12:00 PM (Carhart)
Westchester Ch. Chorus	4:00 PM (Russell Hall, etc.)
AA	5:00 PM (Carhart)

Friday November 17

The Woman's Club of Larch.	12:00 PM (Carhart & Kitchen)
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Saturday November 18

Larchmont Fall Festival	Constitution Park
Midnight Run-Soup Kitchen	2:00 PM (Carhart kitchen)
Family Service Activity	3:00 PM (Carhart)
Midnight Run	4:00 PM (Russell Hall)

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350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.