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January 14, 2024

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2024

PRELUDE

Hush Song
Alex Pak, violin

Charles Stanford

INTROIT

Come and See
Come and see the grace of God. Come and see! Come and see!
Douglas Kostner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see the grace of God,
Christ our teacher and our friend.
Come and see the son of God,
Christ our healer and our savior.
God is moving in this place.
Come and see! Come and see!

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

*OPENING HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Claunch

God of abundant mercy, you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.

You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.

You loved with boldness and healed with grace.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love; forgive us when we try to cheapen love; and help us when we cannot feel your love.

Empower us, O Christ, to be your committed disciples...

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #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)*

Lord, as we open your Word this morning, help us to create room in our hearts, minds, and spirits to hear what you have to say to us today, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

OT, page 577-578

ANTHEM

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me
Alex Pak, violin

Howard Helvey

*Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know Where'er I rest, where'er I go.
Thou knowest all that I have planned; And all my ways are in thy hand.
My words from thee I cannot hide; I feel thy power on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might, Unfathomed depth, unfathomed height!
Where can I go apart from thee, Or whither from thy presence flee?
In Heaven? It is thy dwelling fair; In death's abode? Lo, thou art there.
If I the wings of morning take, And far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine, And my support thy power divine.
If deepest darkness cover me, The darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright, The darkness shineth as the light.*

*[The 17th-century English author John Milton is known for his late epic poetry. This paraphrase of Psalm 139:1-12, however, is one of his earliest documented works, written when he was only 15 years old.
Here it is paired with a tune from the American folk tradition.]*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:43-51

NT, page 92-93

SERMON

"No Deceit"

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #726 (verse 5)

***Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.***

PRAYER 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

Rev. Claunch

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

Close to Thee

Arr. Larry Shackley

Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

The 19th-century hymn this arrangement is based on has a text by Fanny Crosby and tune by Silas Vail.

*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

Rev. Claunch

*CLOSING HYMN #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo

Charles Stanford

Alex Pak, violin

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to greet your neighbors.
please stand if you are able

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



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.



- **Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.
- **Youth Group for middle and high schoolers meets on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room.** Use the QR Code to view the Spring 2024 Youth Calendar. Questions? Email agclaunch@lacny.org.
- **No Sunday School today due to the holiday weekend. Use the QR Code to view the Spring Sunday School schedule.**



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Larchmont Avenue Church, as well as the Larchmont Avenue Church Corporation, has been called for **Sunday, January 21, 2024. The agenda for the meeting will include, among other things, receipt of the 2023 Annual Report and the 2024 budget, as well as reviewing the updated pastoral terms of call.**

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 MLK DAY

LAC OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

5:00 pm Youth Group (Youth Center)

7:00 pm The Spiritual Child (Carhart)

7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)

7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley Room)

12:00 pm The Spiritual Child (Carhart)

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus

(Russell Hall /Sanctuary/Chapel/Carhart/ Rm 202)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

11:00 am The Woman's Club of Larchmont (Carhart)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



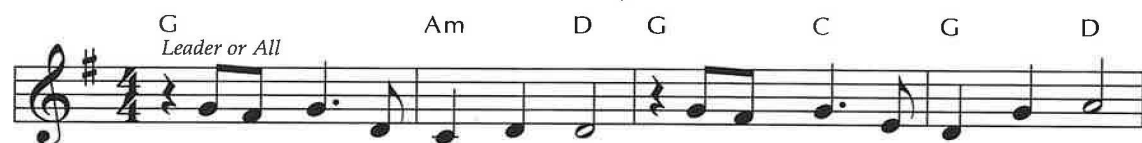
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

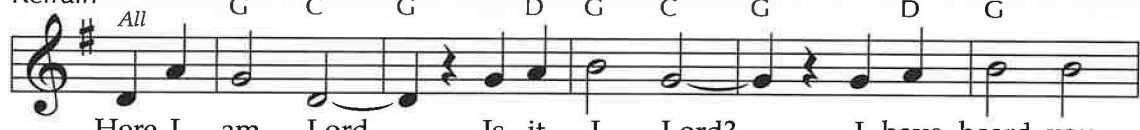


made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.