



Larchmont Avenue Church

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Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

The Service for the Lord's Day - January 21, 2024
Ordination/Installation Sunday

PRELUDE

Menuetto

Franz Sterkel

Caitlyn Carpenter & Jordan Pak, viola

[Johann Franz Xaver Sterkel (1750-1817) was a German composer, priest, and court Kapellmeister. His prolific output includes these viola duos in a late-Classical style.]

INTROIT

Teach Me to Do Your Will

Douglas Kostner

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 143, *The Message*)

Listen to this prayer of ours, O Lord; pay attention to what we are asking.

Please answer us, and do what is right for us.

We remember the old days, thinking about all you've done for us, pondering the ways you've worked. We stretch out our hands to you, as thirsty for you as a desert thirsty for rain.

Teach us how to live to please you, because you are our God.

In your mercy, lead us by your blessed Spirit into cleared and level pastureland.

In your justice, keep us from trouble and clear a smooth path for us.

And why do we ask these things, O Lord?

Because we are your servants!

*OPENING HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.

You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian.

We confess our transgressions to you, and we ask you to forgive our sins...

(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)*

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:14-20

NT page 51

ANTHEM

Adam Lay yBounden

Sheldon Curry

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Dave Lewitt, percussion

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond. Forwe thowsand wynter thowt he not to long;
And al was for an appil, and appil that he tok, As clerkes fynden wretyn in here bok.
Sing alleluia!*

*Ne hadde appil tak ben, appil take ben, Ne hadde never our ladde a ben hevene Quen.
Blyssid be the tyme that appil take was: Therefore we mown syngyn: Deo Gratias.
Sing alleluia!*

[This 15th-century middle-English text relates the events of Genesis 3 through the lens of Christian theology. Had Adam not taken the apple, Mary would not have been the mother of the Son of God. The music, though it sounds Medieval, is newly composed.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

The children of the church are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:21 – 3:11

NT, page 92-93

SERMON

“The Courage of Vulnerability”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #494 (verse 5) “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

*O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away; shed o'er the world Thy holy light.*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Bynum

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation/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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Great amen (*congregation singing*)

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

Welcome and Charge

*THE PEACE

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

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

Gavotte

Franz Sterkel

Caitlyn Carpenter & Jordan Pak, viola

*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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE CORPORATION

*CLOSING HYMN #234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (verses 1 and 2)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Franz Sterkel

Caitlyn Carpenter & Jordan Pak, viola

*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.

Email agclaunch@lacny.org.



Questions?

- **Sunday School Today:** Following the Children's Message, kids ages 3 through 5th grade are dismissed for Sunday School.

- **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, will take place during worship today, **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 21

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart, Lindsley)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Session (Library)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

5:00 pm Youth Group (Youth Center)

7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)

7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall /Sanctuary/Chapel/Carhart/ Rm 202)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

1:00 pm Larchmont Music Academy Recital (Sanctuary)

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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

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.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.