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The Service for the Lord's Day
January 28, 2024

PRELUDE

I Lift Up My Eyes
Enid Blount Press, clarinet

Charles Callahan

INTROIT

I Lift Up My Eyes
I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship

Giving thanks with whole hearts

In the company of this congregation.

We worship the One who is gracious and merciful.

Holy and awesome is God's name!

Let us worship God together!

*THE PEACE

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

*OPENING HYMN #652

"A Grateful Heart"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Bynum

Merciful God, we know that you are our God and that we are mere mortals, but self-righteousness still consumes us, arrogance still guides our decisions, and we become isolated and alone. Bring us back to rest in your sovereign love, encourage us in relationship, and guide us to live in the community of faith, that we might experience your love building us up, enabling us to do the work to which you call us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. (*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*)

Patricia Allen

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you call us to be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 111

NT page 562

ANTHEM

Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.*

*In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision: God of love.*

*You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.*

*Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother,
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.*

[The simpleness of the refrain of this song is meant to be even and soothing. The rhythm of the start of each verse disturbs the calm for a moment, restored each time by the verse's repetition. We will sing this refrain as a congregation following the sermon.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:21-28

NT, page 35

SERMON

"Silencing Demons"

Rev. Claunch

RESPONSE HYMN #795

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow. (2x)*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

2024 Mission Trip Team

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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

God Heals the Brokenhearted
Enid Blount Press, clarinet

Jonathan Campbell

God heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds.

*Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!*

*God counts the number of the stars and calls them by their names.
How great is our Lord, and mighty in power!*

*The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord, make music on the harp with thanksgiving!*

*God provides food for the flocks, for young ravens when they cry.
God fills the hungry with good things.*

*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.***

*CLOSING HYMN #181 “Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Daniel Pinkston

*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.



- **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*.



THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart, Lindsley)
11:15 am Coffee Hour – Mission Trip Fundraiser
(Russell Hall)
11:15 am Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
2:00 pm Larchmont Music Academy Recital
(Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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, FEBRUARY 1

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell
Hall /Sanctuary/Chapel/Carhart/ Rm 202)
7:00 pm Bianca Barragan-Recital (Russell Hall)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 am Westchester Children's Chorus-Winter
Retreat (Russell Hall)
3:00 pm Family Event: Preparing Emergency
Food Kits

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A Grateful Heart

(Psalm 111)

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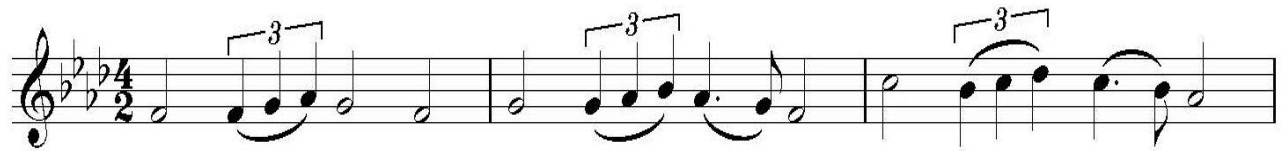
1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

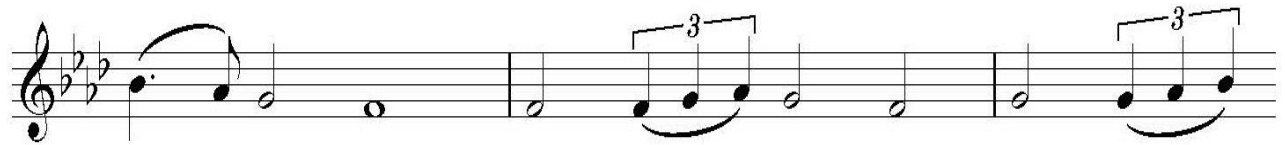
lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit



"Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's heal - ing,
 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the gray cells
 Si - lence Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our mind and



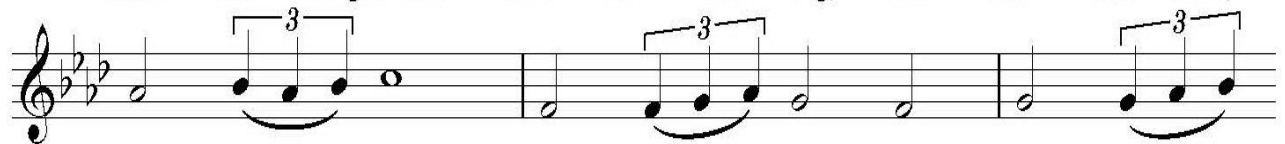
Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
 of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
 in our heart. Speak your word that when we



bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 hear it all our de - mons shal de - part.



At Christ's voice the de - mon trem - bled, from its vic - tim
 doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing
 Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing; still the frac - tured,



mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that was as -
 rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our lov - ing
 war - ing soul. By the pow - er of your



sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.
 fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.