

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Transfiguration Sunday February 11, 2024

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The Service for the Lord's Day February 11, 2024

PRELUDE

Aria

César Franck

Slava Znatchenii, oboe

INTROIT

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Douglas Kostner

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*THE PEACE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving! How good it is to sing praises to our God. For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds. God's understanding is beyond measure. Let us praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now... *(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)* Wes Huang Oh God, you are one who appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai and revealed yourself to Elijah in a "sound of sheer silence." And you are the same God in our midst today. You are the same God who seeks us, who created us, who loves us. Holy Spirit move in our hearts and minds that we might hear your message for us today. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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ANTHEM

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone Arr. Howard Helvey Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more;

He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more; The narrow way, till him I view, I'll never turn back no more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

GOSPEL READING

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Rev. Claunch

SERMON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #410 (verse 1)

"God, Is Calling through the Whisper"

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise; Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear? stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

MOMENT FOR MISSION Rummage Sale Committee

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

*DOXOLOGY 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 #193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*

ECS

The flowers at today's service are given in loving memory of Thelma Serenbetz on what would have been her 100th birthday, by her family.



Clark Morehouse

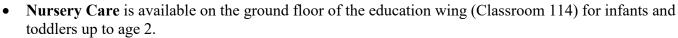
Hymn 607

Mark 9:2-9

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 <u>broodal@lacny.org</u> 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.



- Youth Group for middle and high schoolers meets on Wednesday evenings in the Youth Room. Questions? Email <u>agclaunch@lacny.org</u>.
- Sunday School Today: Following the Children's Message, kids ages 3 through 5th grade are dismissed for Sunday School.



THIS WEEK AT LAC **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online) 10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart, Lindsley) 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall) **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12** 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library) 7:00 pm Finance Committee (Room 202) 7:15 pm AA (Carhart) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley) 5:00 pm Youth Group (Youth Center) 7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel) 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall) **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15** 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley) 4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall /Sanctuary/Chapel/Carhart/ Rm 202) 7:15 pm AA (Carhart) **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16** 12:00 pm The Woman's Club of Larchmont (Carhart)

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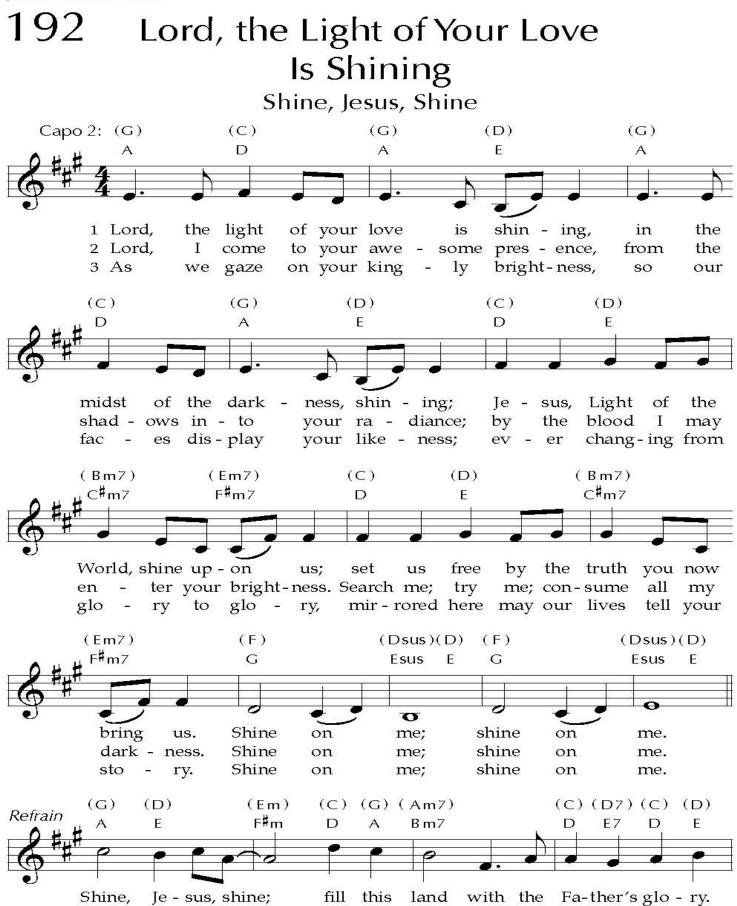
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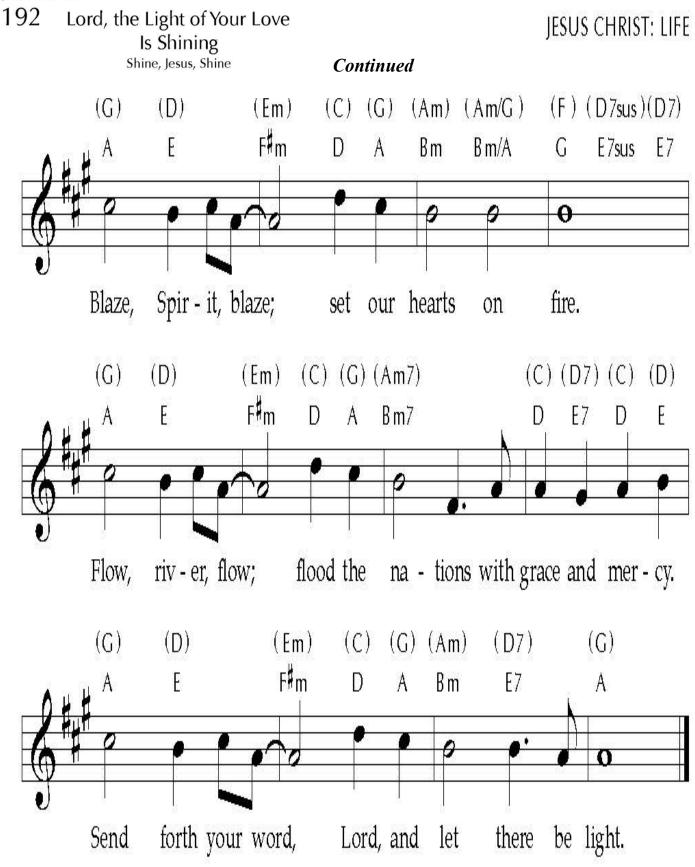
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While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9.5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8/Mark 9:2–8/Luke 9:28–36). This is the most popular of the author/ composer's many songs.





JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain Continued

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