



Larchmont Avenue Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostne

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

March 10, 2024

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love
Rich Williams, trombone

Arr. Michelle Robeson

INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his love endures forever.

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

RECOGNITION OF GIRL SCOUTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Girl Scouting at LAC

Pat Allen

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Let us give thanks to the Lord, whose goodness and love endures forever.

Let us all proclaim this, all those whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble.

We were sick because of our sinful ways. Because of our iniquities, we endured affliction.

But we cried to the Lord in our trouble, and God saved us from our distress.

The Lord sent out his Word, healed us, and delivered us.

So let us all give thanks to the Lord for the unearned but steadfast love of heaven.

Let us worship God, offering our thanks, our devotion, and our songs of joy!

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

*OPENING HYMN #634 “To God Be the Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

God of mercy, we confess this morning that sin still weighs us down. We may say that salvation depends on grace alone, but we would still rather believe that we can earn your love. We may say that the world and all that is in it is yours, but we would still rather believe that we are the ones in control.

Forgive us, Lord, when we forget the gift of your grace. Have mercy on us, Lord, when we fail to share that grace with others. Claim us, Lord, and cleanse us from our sin...

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #425 (*verse 1*)

*Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come; give us now your love.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Aileen Solano Garcia

Dear God, we thank you for the many ways that you show your love for us. As we prepare to read and proclaim holy scripture this morning, we ask that you would help us to hear, to understand, and to imagine how we might share your love with others. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (Good News Translation)

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Carl Nygard

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that everyone who would believe in his only Son shall have eternal life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that through his Son the world might be saved.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON

“So That No One May Boast”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #435, verse 1

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in Heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

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.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

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

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

On a Hill Far Away

Arr. Han-Ki Kim

Larchmont Symphonia

Alex Pak, violin; Slava Znatchenii, oboe; Ben Wien, horn

*DOXOLOGY #165

Text by G. W. Dub Shepherd

*Praise God throughout these forty days; Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Rich Williams, trombone; Ben Wien, piano

Arr. Brant Adams

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!*

This morning we are pleased and honored to welcome Girl Scouts from Larchmont, Mamaroneck, and beyond. Since its founding in 1912, the Girl Scouts have always recognized that faith lies at the heart of their mission. As part of the Girl Scout Promise, Girl Scouts pledge to "serve God" and to "help people at all times." Today, on Girl Scout Sunday, we celebrate these shared values, and we express our gratitude to Girl Scouting for creating and fostering space for girls to grow in leadership and faith together.

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.
- **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*.
- **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.



THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart, Lindsley)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:00 pm Finance Committee (Rm 202)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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, MARCH 14

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

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus

(Sanctuary/Chapel/Carhart/ Rm 202)

7:00 pm Preschool Celebration (Russell Hall)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

2:00 pm Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

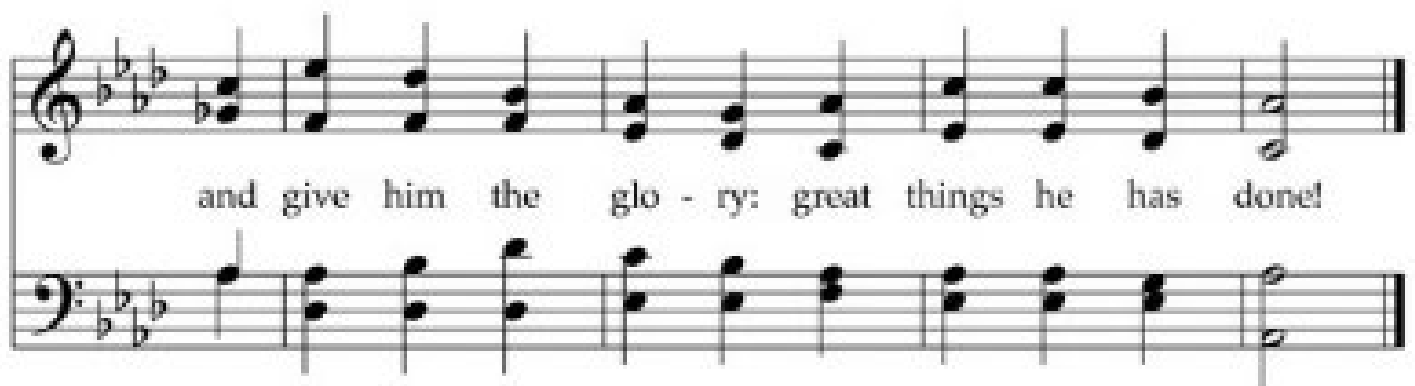
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

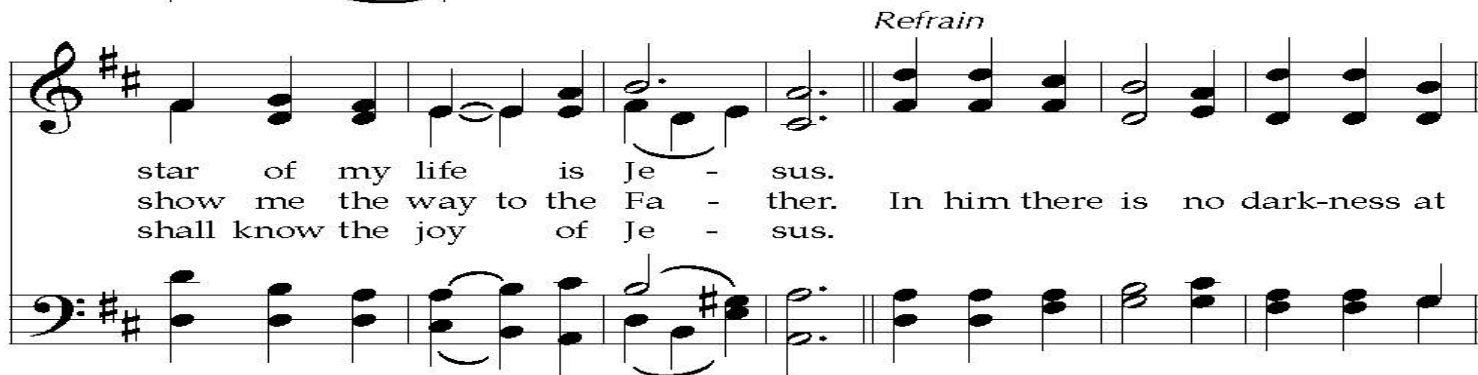
377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



Refrain
star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.