



*"Good Shepherd," by Vicki Shuck*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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April 21, 2024

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

*St. Columba*  
Debra Whitman, harp

Arr. Brook Boddie

INTROIT

*Your Word Is a Lamp*  
*Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.*

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

On our journey of faithfulness, we graze in the pastures to which God leads us.

**As we move along, God keeps watch and never leaves us.**

When we are tired, and hungry,

**God prepares us a table.**

When we are thirsty,

**our cups overflow.**

When we are lost,

**God seeks us out.**

We know God's voice, we follow God's voice,

**and God's voice leads us home.**

Let us worship God.

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

\*OPENING HYMN #803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**O God, you have called us to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

**Having laid down your life for us, you call us to lay down our lives for one another.**

**Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet.**

**Still, O Lord, we choose to serve ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for our weakness and our selfishness.**

**In your grace and mercy, raise us to new life in you...**

*(time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA (#582, verse 1)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As that Word is read and proclaimed this morning, we ask you open our hearts and minds to its mysteries, so that its wisdom might inspire us, change us, and lead us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Shepherd  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

Howard Goodall

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 4:1-8

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:16-24

SERMON

“We Know Love By This”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #215, (verses 1 and 4)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on.*

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

*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

*Resignation*  
Larchmont Symphonia & Debra Whitman, harp

Arr. Claude Smith

## \*DOXOLOGY #609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

## \*POSTLUDE

*Carillon*

Louis Vierne

*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 neighbor.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



• No Sunday School today. 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](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).**



It's that time again for our annual **Rummage Sale!**

We are so pleased to come together to support our local and mission partners and the Larchmont Community. A reminder that donations are needed and so are volunteers. Please grab a friend or come and foster new connections, and volunteer a few hours in support of this event.

Please scan the QR code here to access the signup sheet.



### Save the Date!

**April 28th** is Earth Care Sunday, please mark your calendars and share in this special worship!

**May 5th** is Youth/Confirmation Sunday. A special way to celebrate our LAC community!

**May 18th** is LAC's Progressive Dinner. We can all use a night out – don't miss this special dinner party with a twist. Scan the QR code here to join in this fun, festive event

Everyone is welcome, so spread the word!



**May 19th:** Larchmont Symphonia in worship with music by Michael Torke. Please join us at Sunday worship! The kids are also singing in worship this day!

### THIS WEEK AT LAC

#### SUNDAY APRIL 21

10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary, Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley)

#### MONDAY APRIL 22

6:30 pm Session Meeting (Library)

#### TUESDAY APRIL 23

6:30 pm (Al Anon)

7:00 pm AA (Chapel)

#### WEDNESDAY APRIL 24

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

5:00 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)

7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)

7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

#### THURSDAY APRIL 25

4:00 pm Rummage Sale

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

7:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm AA (Chapel)

#### FRIDAY APRIL 26

9:30 am Rummage Sale

#### SATURDAY APRIL 27

9:00 am Rummage Sale

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.