



Larchmont Avenue Church

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EARTH CARE SUNDAY
April 28, 2024

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2024

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Rich Williams, trombone

Arr. Stan Pethel

INTROIT

How Many Are Your Works Douglas Kostner
*How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angie Leissl and Sasha Nahr

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's

And all that is in it

The world

And those who live in it

For God has found it on the seas,

And established it on the rivers

This sacred planet is filled with God's presence

A living green blue sanctuary, our home to share

God's creation has been entrusted to us

**We are all caretakers of the beauty, majesty and delicate balance of
earth's glorious garden**

**Creator God, plant in us seeds of engagement and renewal so we can make a
difference in this fragile world. We praise you today for your magnificent works,
in all of creation, and in each of our lives.**

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

*OPENING HYMN #630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Christel Pugin

**Dear Lord, There are so many times when it is easier to look away than
acknowledge the difficulties confronting our planet. It is more convenient to
continue in our old habits than to make changes necessary for cleaner water and air,
and for healthier habitats for people and animals. Open our hearts, eyes, and ears to
connect with the natural world around us, and give us the courage to do our part to
care for your creation. Help us to embrace the faith that calls us to action.**

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)*

Louise Moore Williams

Creator God, open our minds and hearts to your word this morning.

Guide us to acknowledge all that you have provided us in your beautiful creation.

May we take seriously our responsibility to care for the earth and all that lives in it. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 104:10-24

ANTHEM

Ho 'omaika 'i

Trad. Hawaiian

Ho 'onani, ho 'omaikai I ka Haku mana mau

No na pua like 'ole me na manu leo hone.

Ho 'omaika 'i, ho 'omaika 'i, ho 'omaika 'i!

Honor, worship, thanks and glory to our mighty Lord is due.

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Sing to God who made the flowers and the birds of every hue.

All of life professing, sing a mighty blessing: Great God, we thank you!

Na na 'ale o ke kai me na ao ho 'ola 'ila 'i

Na na home pumehana, na make o kako nei.

Ho 'omaika 'i, ho 'omaika 'i, ho 'omaika 'i!

Waves of ocean, gently rolling, floating clouds high in the blue.

Loving homes so warm with blessings, knowing God, whose love is true.

All of life professing, sing a mighty blessing: Great God, we thank you!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Becky and Cameron Gray

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

SERMON

“Bloom Where You are Meant to be Planted”

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

Kristen Carpenter

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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Elizabeth Poyet

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

Morning Has Broken
Rich Williams, trombone

Arr. Brant Adams

*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

Rev. Bynum

*CLOSING HYMN #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*POSTLUDE

This Is My Father’s World
Rich Williams, trombone

Arr. Stan Pethel

*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

Thank you to Patty Towle for creating our beautiful worship bulletin cover art.



- 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: The Kids will begin in worship and leave after the Children's Message for choir practice in the chapel with Cait Adler, the WCC Program Manager. The kids will be singing in worship on May 19th. 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.



Save the Date!

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 28-EARTH SUNDAY

10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary, Online)
10:20 am Children's Choir Practice (Chapel)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY APRIL 30

6:30 pm Al Anon (Library)
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY MAY 1

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Sunday School Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)
7:00 pm Confirmation Session Exam (Carhart)
7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY MAY 2

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus
(Russell Hall, sanctuary, Chapel, Carhart, Rm 202)
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY MAY 3

8:00 am Day Laborer Ministry



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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

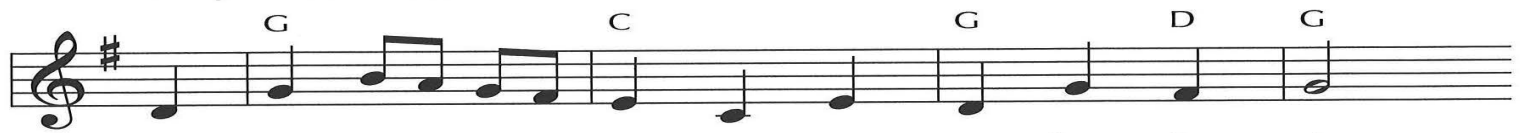
Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

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Let All Things Now Living



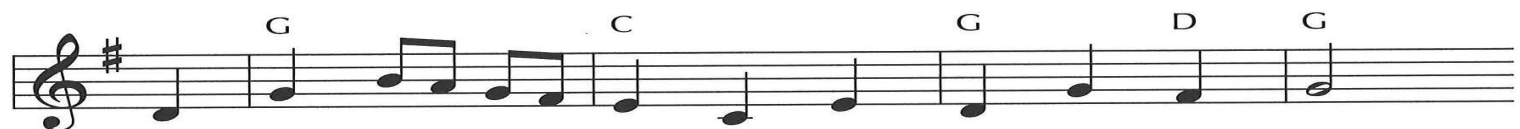
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



till shad-ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ish-ed,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks-giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!