



"Pentecost" by He Qi

Larchmont Avenue Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 19, 2024

PRELUDE

Sonatina

C.P.E. Bach

Nicole Sharlow & Morris Schoeneman, violin

A Quiet Music

Douglas Wagner

Larchmont Symphonia

INTROIT

Them Bones

Arr. Larry Nickel

Oh, the hand of the Lord was upon me, And he brought me to the middle of a valley.

Well, I couldn't believe what I saw there; The total devastation of an army!

Them bones, them bones, them dry bones, now hear the Word of the Lord!

Then he told me to talk to the graveyard; "If you prophesy, a miracle will happen."

So, I spoke every word the Lord commanded, And suddenly I heard the bones a-rattlin'!

Ezekiel connected them dry bones, now hear the Word of the Lord!

OPENING SCRIPTURE – THE ARRIVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Acts 2: 1-13

PRAYER FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

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

*OPENING HYMN #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, just as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost, we ask you to fill this sanctuary with your presence, and to fill us with your passion. Forgive us when we act as if all of your stories have already been written. Forgive us when we expect the world to think, act, and speak as we do.

Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your Spirit, and to hear the prayers of all your people. And hear us now as we lift our silent confessions and pleas to You, as your Spirit prays for us in sighs too deep for words...
(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)*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon us! As your Word is read and proclaimed, open us to your mystery, share with us your wisdom, and help us to see new possibilities that you are creating even now, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of Life

Stuart Townsend

*Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made. Show your power once again on earth,
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road to sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see!*

CHILDREN'S TIME: SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Turn the World Around

Harry Belafonte

*We come from the fire, living in the fire, Go back to the fire, turn the world around.
We come from the water, living in the water, Go back to the water, turn the world around.
We come from the mountain, living in the mountain,
Go back to the mountain, turn the world around.*

Oh, so is life! Ah, so is life!

*Do you know who I am? Do you know who you are?
See we one another clearly, do we know who we are?*

*Water make the river, river wash the mountain, Fire make the sunlight, turn the world around.
Heart is of the river, body is of the mountain, Spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around.
We are of the Spirit, truly can the Spirit, Only can the Spirit turn the world around.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14-24, 32-33, 36

SERMON

“Visions, Dreams, and the Promise of the Spirit”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #291, (verse 4, with refrains)

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

OFFICER INSTALLATION *Melissa Manice*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT 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

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OFFERTORY *Pentecost: Whosoever Shall Call* Michael Torke
Valerie Girardi, soloist

And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*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 #295 *Go to the World!*

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bynum

CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE *Fireworks Music: Overture* George F. Handel
Larchmont Symphonia

*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!*

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- After the children sing they are dismissed for Sunday School. Ages 3-1st grade meet in the Lindsley Room and 2nd-5th graders meet downstairs in the Carhart Room.



THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY MAY 19

10:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary, Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY MAY 20

6:30 pm Trustees' Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY MAY 21

5:00 am to 9:00 pm MUFSD

Budget Vote (Russell Hall)

6:30 pm Al Anon (Library)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY MAY 22

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

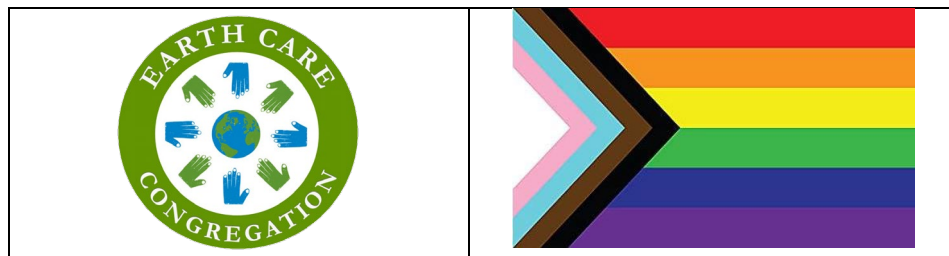
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia
(Chapel)

7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell H.)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

THURSDAY MAY 23

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus



408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit - Continued

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.