



Proverbs 9:1. (n.d.). Bible Art.

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024

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

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

August 18, 2024

PRELUDE

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven
Ben Wien, piano

Jeff Bennett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! The voice of Holy Wisdom is calling.

God is inviting us to feast at Her table.

You who are weary. You who thirst for righteousness. You who hunger for compassion.

The doors are open! The table is set.

Come, and be nourished. All are welcome to dine with God. Amen

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

*OPENING HYMN #401 "Here in This Place (verses 1 and 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we find wisdom in your word, in your presence, and in your way. Help us to follow the path of love, community, and sharing. Open our awareness to the unmet needs in our community and the ways we may meet them. Open our compassion to notice those who too often go without being acknowledged. Open our schedules to be present to your Spirit, our neighbors, and ourselves. Fill us with wisdom, peace, and hope to move boldly toward new life and the fullness of joy. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (#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)*

O God, as we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit to enliven our lives and ministries, take the shades from our eyes, the stoppers from our ears, and the shields from our hearts so that we can hear and see and feel anew the truth and life-giving power of your Word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 111

OT, page 562

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

NT, page 192

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #450 (verse 2)

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 the 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

Salve

Tracy McKibben

Ben Wien, piano

*DOXOLOGY #607

*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 #174

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Le Tombeau de Couperin: Prelude

Maurice Ravel

Ben Wien, piano

*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



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.



Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342 or scan the QR code.

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.



Become a Volunteer at Compassion Camp

Monday, August 19 - Friday, August 23

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For more information, scan the QR code

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 am Compassion Camp

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am Compassion Camp

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 am Compassion Camp

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 am Compassion Camp

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 am Compassion Camp

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)



Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.