



*"Girl at Mirror" Norman Rockwell*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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September 1, 2024

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# THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

September 1, 2024

PRELUDE

*Andante*

Théodore Dubois

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 19)*

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The commands of the Lord are trustworthy; they give wisdom to those who lack it.**

The laws of the Lord are right, and those who obey them are happy.

**The commands of the Lord are just; they enlighten the mind.**

The law of the Lord is more desirable than the finest gold;

**it is sweeter than the purest honey.**

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening!**

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

\*OPENING HYMN #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Righteous God, your Word is a reflection of who we are... and what we hope to be.**

**In its laws, we see our faults.**

**In its story, we find our redemption.**

**In its promises, we seek our future.**

**For the ways we have failed to reflect your love O Lord, please forgive us. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, renew our faith, and help us walk in your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord... *(time for silent prayer)***

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)*

**Holy and gracious God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, help us to see what we need to see and hear what we need to hear, so that we may do what we need to do to follow you as your true disciples. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:12-18, 24-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:17-27

Rev. Bynum

SERMON

“In the Mirror”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #405 (verses 1 and 2)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever  
proclaim the glory of your name...

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your  
Glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Jacques Berthier  
(Choir and Congregation singing)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.*

*Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 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 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 Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.*



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OFFERTORY

*Slane*

Dale Wood

\*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 #703“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

\*POSTLUDE

*Carillon*

Théodore Dubois

*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 ANNOUNCEMENT



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).



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.

# Grow

**Sunday School begins!** We look forward to seeing all the children again as **Sunday School begins on September 8th**. Sunday School takes place during Worship service each week and is open to preschool through Grade 5. Once a month all the children meet as a group for Rev. Anna Grace's Tiny Theologians class. **If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Anna Grace Claunch at [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).**

**Youth Group** gets up and running in September. **All are welcome;** it is open to grades 5-7 and 8-12.

- There is a **Youth Group Parent meeting on September 8th at 4 pm** (at the Church) so mark your calendars.
- We look forward to welcoming back our youth and invite all to join us. Our **Youth Group Kick-off happens on Wednesday, September 11th** -- 5th-7th grade (5-6pm); 8th-12th grade (6:15-7:30 pm).
- If you cannot make the parent meeting, thinking of joining your student, or have general questions please contact **Anna Grace at [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).**



## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)  
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)  
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Lindsley)

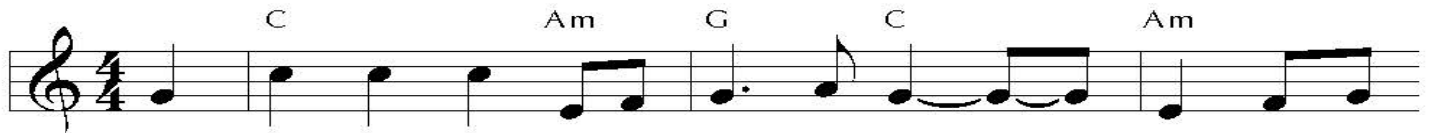
### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)  
5:00 pm Carlshire Tenants Meeting (Carhart)  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

## I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and  
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'  
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a  
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a  
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of  
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,  
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

## 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but  
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to  
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me  
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,  
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness  
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.  
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.