



Larchmont Avenue Church

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EARTH CARE SUNDAY

April 27, 2025

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



PRELUDE

“This Is My Father’s World”
Larchmont Symphonia

Arr. Matthew Riley

INTROIT

“Because”

John Lennon & Paul McCartney

*Because the world is round it turns me on, Because the world is round.
Because the wind is high it blows my mind, Because the wind is high.
Love is old, love is new; Love is all, love is you.
Because the sky is blue it makes me cry, Because the sky is blue.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Earth Care Sunday

Kristen Carpenter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Eternal God, whose breath is the universe, whose Word is the world—

All: amazed, we praise you.

One: Creating God, who with wisdom and beauty fashions every creature—

All: in love, we thank you.

One: Loving God, you weave us into the great web of life, which is our shared home, our common body, our one belonging.

All: Grateful, we worship you.

*OPENING HYMN #370

“This Is My Father’s World”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Theodore Alexander Nodell
son of Alex and Corrina Nodell*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #486 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” (v 1)

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

*THE PEACE

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Sasha Nahr

There is a place, oh Lord, that you want us to be—in right relationship with our family, neighbors, community, and the Earth on which we dwell. Yet we often wander away from this place. We become focused on our own worldly goals, our own distractions, and our own anxieties. Bring us back to your sacred space. Help us to be aware of how we impact each other and our environment. Bring us back to be in harmony with you, with each other, and with your glorious creations. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

(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)* Louise Moore Williams
**Creator God, open our minds and hearts to listen for your word this morning.
Help us to recognize all that you've provided for us in this beautiful world.
Remind us to take time to notice what's all around us, especially the new growth
of spring. Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 7:13-26 Christel Pugin

VOLUNTARY "Inspiritus" Ronald Pearl
Alturas Duo & Larchmont Symphonia
(Inspiritus was written for Alturas Duo and our Symphonia for today's service. It incorporates the melody of a centuries-old plainchant that is associated with the text, Veni Creator Spiritus, a hymn to the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is the "ruach" of Genesis 1:2, the "breath" of God that forms all of creation.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23 Elizabeth Poyet

SERMON "Path and Refuge" Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #803 (verse 1)
*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes
me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his
ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Patty Towle
**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; and 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 "La Rosa y el Volcán" Ernesto Cavour
Alturas Duo

***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 #20** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”
Larchmont Symphonia

Arr. Han-Ki Kim

*You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated.
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

** Please stand if you are able.*

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

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Tiny Theologians today in the Library following the Children's Message.
- Join the Women's Bible Study! Email broodal@lacny.org.
- Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash3@outlook.com.net.
- Youth & Confirmation Sunday is May 4th.

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER. *A dinner party with a twist!* May 17th 6-10 PM.
Scan QR Code to register or visit www.lacny.org, Announcements & Happenings.



MUSIC

Looking for ways to get involved? Joining the choir is a great way to make a joyful noise (and some great friends as well). Call the church office or email dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: lacoffice@lacny.org
- [Today we celebrate the Earth Day Sunday & our Native Planting Garden Ribbon Cutting following the service.](#)
- SAVE THE DATE: LAC Rummage Sale, May 1-3
Donations accepted: Sat., April 26 10am - 12pm
Sun., April 27 12pm - 4pm
Mon., April 28 10am - 4pm
Tues., April 29 9am - 12pm
www.lacny.org/rummage-sale-2025-2/ or scan the QR code



THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 am Confirmands - Faith Statements (Carhart)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Tiny Theologians (Library)
11:15 am Native Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:30 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley)
Noon-4 pm Rummage Sale Donations

MONDAY, APRIL 28

10 am-4 pm Rummage Sale Donations
6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. (Sanctuary, Chapel, Rm 202)
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

9 am-Noon Rummage Sale Donations
6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)
7:15 pm AA (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Main Office)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

4:00 pm-8:00 pm Rummage Sale
4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Chapel, Rm 202, Sanctuary)
7:15pm AA (Library)

FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:30 am-4:00 pm Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:30 am-Noon Rummage Sale
3:00 pm Youth Sunday Rehearsals (Sanctuary)

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As an earth care Congregation, we ask that you please recycle your bulletin. Thank you.

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.