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YOUTH SUNDAY

May 4, 2025

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



PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”
Cameron Gray, violin

Arr. Ruth Coleman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robby Grimes & Griffin Moore

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Charlie McDonald & Charlie Dankworth

Charlie D: Thank you for being here to listen

ALL: Thank you for coming as you are.

Charlie M: Thank you God for creating us in your image.

ALL: Thank you Lord for reminding us that we are enough.

Charlie D: Let us fill our hearts with gratitude and acceptance.

ALL: Let us worship the one who teaches love and forgiveness.

***OPENING HYMN #487**

“These Treasured Children”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Violet Widboom & Sienna Walsh

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**

Charlie McDonald & Nash Bowerman

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Griffin Moore

God, we do not always know what to pray or what to say. And God we have failed to love you, to love ourselves, and to love others. We do not do it on purpose, the world is full of messages telling us that hate and division are easier. We hear that loving material things, money, power, and status are the ways to be “successful,” but we know that chasing all that will leave us tired and empty. God, help us return to you. Help us to rest in you. In your steadfast and unrelenting love, forgive us and draw us back to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Robby Grimes

***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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sophia Halliley & Malena Forney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Ellie Bowerman

God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed, help us to hear your word for us today as close as the beating of our own heart, in rhythm with your time.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:12-13

Mia & Nigel Anderson

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28 - 29

Grey Harvey

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-18 William DeFelice & Clara Barnes

REFLECTION LEADERS

Ben Meintjes, Grey Harvey, Jack Bowerman

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Introduction of 2024 confirmands

Nash Bowerman, Malena Forney, Surya Fraser, James Manice, Walker Moore, Simon Pauly, Clare Rosenthal, Sienna Walsh, Violet Widboom

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is forgiving, no matter the circumstance. God's love is eternal. The church is the door and our faith in God is the key to the community. God listens to all; giving both life and voice to those who want to be heard. No veil in this world or another can separate us from God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sophie Halliley & Timmy Grimes

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

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Oliver Manice

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OFFERTORY

“Be Still, My Soul”

Arr. Marcie Smith

Clara Barnes, viola & John Sykes V, cello

***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**

Charlie Danckwerth

***CLOSING HYMN #623**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

***BENEDICTION**

Ben Meintjes & Jack Bowerman

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

Lani Smith

*The LAC Youth carefully crafted all of the liturgy written for today’s service.
Musicians were Cameron Gray, violin; Clara Barnes, viola; John Sykes V, cello.*

*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.*

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

- Today we celebrate Youth and Confirmation Sunday. A special coffee hour follows in Russell Hall after the service.

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.



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
- Save the date. Midnight Run 5/10 in Russell Hall.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MAY 4 – Youth & Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
2:00 pm Westch. Children's Chorus Recital (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, MAY 5

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Lindsley)
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6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Lindsley)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Main Office)
5:00 pm 5th-7th Grade Youth (Off Site)
6:15 pm 8th-12th Grade Youth (Off Site)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Chapel, Carhart)
7:15pm AA (Library)

SATURDAY, MAY 10

4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell)

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Thank you.



These Treasured Children

487

1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them

us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshipping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun - tain; I've got joy like a foun - tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun - tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.