



*John August Swanson, "The Great Catch" (1993)*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 11, 2025**

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



**PRELUDE** “Pescador de Hombres” Arr. Al Roberts

**INTROIT** “Those Who Sow in Tears” Douglas Kostner  
*Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** *Progressive Dinner* Alexandra LeClere

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We glorify you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up.

**All: O Lord, our God, we cried out to you, and you healed us.**

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and praise God’s holy name.

**All: For God’s anger is but for a moment, but God’s favor is for a lifetime.**

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**All: O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing!**

One: Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN #369** “Blessing and Honor”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)* Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Generous God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us love — love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives.**

**Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We deny and ignore... we hurt and hate... we despise and reject.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. Help us to embrace your love so we can share it with others. Help us to live lives of love so we can be your true disciples...*(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)* Bev McAllister

**Gracious God, Living Word, as we seek to receive, embrace, and share the love you bring into the world, help us to hear the Word you have for us today, so that we might truly follow you. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 30:1-5

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 21:1-19

**SERMON** Gone Fishin’ Rev. Bynum

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #314 (verse 4)**

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.  
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today*

**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; 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.*

Rev. Claunch



**OFFERTORY**

“Pescador de Hombres”

Cesáreo Gabaráin

*Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich  
nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow.*

*(Refrain) Señor, me has mirado a los ojos, sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,  
En la arena he dejado mi barca, junto a ti buscaré otro mar.*

*(Lord, you looked in my eyes, smiling, you spoke my name,  
I left my boat on the shore, together with you I will seek other seas.)*

*Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth,  
will you accept, then, my nets and labor? (Ref.)*

*Lord, take my hands and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,  
returning love for the love you gave me. (Ref.)*

*Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,  
my life's companion, my friend and refuge. (Ref.)*

**\*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 #69** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)”

*Vs. 1: Men*

*Vs. 2: Women*

*Vs. 3 All*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

**POSTLUDE**

“Toccata in C”

Johann Pachelbel

*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

- Today's flowers are in loving memory of Thelma Serenbetz, by her family.
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org or SignUpGenius.com Sponsoring Flowers.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **The kids will begin in Sunday School Today!** Please bring your child to the chapel for music time and fun activities for all ages. The teachers will bring them to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join their families for Communion.
- The Sunday School kids will be singing in worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## • FELLOWSHIP

- Sign Up Today! 5/22. SEEKERS @ 7pm. *LAC Member Helen Coster, an experienced political journalist, will speak about the intersection of media, news reporting, and faith in current times.*  
<https://www.lacny.org/seekers/>  
*or Scan the QR Code* 
- Save the Date! CHURCH PICNIC June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Coffee served in Russell Hall today at 11:15 am.
- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at [pbynum@lacny.org](mailto:pbynum@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](mailto:dkostner@lacny.org) for more details.

## SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: [lacoffice@lacny.org](mailto:lacoffice@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](http://www.lacny.org) Announcements & Happenings. 

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

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

### MONDAY, MAY 12

1:00 pm Rummage Sale Committee Meeting (Lindsley)  
6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. (Russell Hall)

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)  
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Lindsley)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Main Office)  
3:00 pm Preschool Spring Fair (Russell Hall)  
7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Committee (Lindsley)  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

11:00 am Woman's Club of Larchmont  
7:15 pm AA (Library)

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

5:00 Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. Recital (Russell Hall)

## CONNECT WITH US

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

## 369

## Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,  
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:  
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

# 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

*G* *Leader or All* *Am* *D* *G* *C* *G* *D*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

*G* *Em* *C* *Am7* *D* *G*

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

*Am* *D* *G* *C* *G* *D*

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

*G* *Em* *C* *Am7* *C/G* *D* *D7*

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

*All* *G* *C* *G* *D* *G* *C* *G* *D* *G*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

*Am7* *G* *Am7* *D* *G* *C* *G* *C*

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

*G* *C* *G* *D* *G* *Am7* *D7* *G* *Am7* *G*

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.