



*"Christ at the Pool of Bethesda," by Artus Wolffort*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch



**PRELUDE**

“Unser Herrscher”

Arr. Ronald Nelson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 6)*

One: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am worn out.

**All: Heal me, Lord, for my bones are exhausted and my soul is troubled!**

One: Turn, O Lord, deliver my life.

**All: Save us for the sake of your steadfast love!**

One: We know that the Lord hears our pleas.

**All: We trust that the Lord accepts our prayers!**

**Come and save us, Lord, for we want to be made well!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #403** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Gracious God, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You are faithful in your promise, but we fail to keep your word. You offer us the gift of peace, but we remain captive to our fear.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us, heal our troubled hearts, and lead us to 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)*

Adriana Forney

**O Christ our Lord, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us in the reading and proclamation of your living Word. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 67:1-7

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Rev. Claunch

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 5:1-9

**SERMON**

“Do You Want to be Made Well?”

Rev. Bynum

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #703** *(verse 3)*

***O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow, melt away, where'er thy healing beams arise.***

***O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.*



**OFFERTORY**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Arr. Robert Powell

**\*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 #792**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

**POSTLUDE**

“Sortie”

George Blake

*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 a gift from our deacons to honor all members of our armed forces in observance of Memorial Day.

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at [broodal@lacny.org](mailto:broodal@lacny.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- No Sunday School today. Have a safe holiday weekend and we will see you next week!
- The Sunday School kids will be singing in worship on Pentecost Sunday (June 8<sup>th</sup>)

After worship on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> John Sykes V will host a pancake breakfast in Carhart Hall as a fundraiser for his Eagle Project, which involves the refurbishment of Memorial Garden. The anticipated work will include power washing the stones, mulching the existing path, repainting of the wrought-iron fencing, and fabrication of six new benches for peaceful reflection and use during memorial services. All are welcome to join us for breakfast to celebrate our LAC community and Memorial Garden!

## FELLOWSHIP

- 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

- **Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost**, the day the church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit. The music will reflect the Spirit of the Lord in true Gospel style. Rollo Dilworth's "Invocation" is a reflective piece that petitions the Spirit to fill our church with its grace, and Robert Ray's "Credo" from his Gospel Mass is a lively statement of faith. *A Gospel trio of piano, bass, and drums will join us.*
- 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)
- [Next Midnight Run is June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm, Russell Hall.](#)

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

### MONDAY, MAY 26 – MEMORIAL DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, MAY 27

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

5:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group (Youth Room)

6:15 pm 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group (Youth Room)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

### THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

### SATURDAY MAY 31

The Woman's Club of Larchmont Community Food Drive (Forest Park Avenue)

## CONNECT WITH US

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Update your Realm, today. Use the pew card & drop into the offering or at the back of the Church or scan the QR code.

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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask that you please recycle your bulletin.

Thank you.



## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,  
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed  
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O  
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.  
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.  
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

# There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

*Fine*

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

*to Refrain*

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."