



*The Promise of the Spirit, John Stushie*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 2025

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



## PRELUDE

Romance  
Jordan Pak, viola

Max Bruch

## INTROIT

How Many Are Your Works  
*How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.*

Douglas Kostner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

## \*THE PEACE

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

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Divine Teacher, whirl around us with your wisdom,

**All: Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.**

One: As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

**All: As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.**

One: May the Divine Gales of this day move us to know the love of God.

## \*OPENING HYMN #282 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Arr. Will Todd

*Vs. 1 High voices Vs. 2 Low voices Vs. 3 All*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Spirit of God, we build walls and barriers. We assume and stereotype. We devalue diversity and stick with what is comfortable and familiar. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to cross borders and boundaries of difference. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that gathers us together and calls us to build beloved community. (silence...)**

## 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)

J. Philip Oldham

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:24-34

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

## ANTHEM

Invocation  
Bill Sabia, drums; Marshall Toppo, bass

Rollo Dilworth

*Lord, send your anointing to this place. Lord, send us your mercy and your grace.  
Send us your love, let it rain from above. Hear our prayer today.*

*Lord, send your anointing to this place. Lord, send us your mercy and your grace.  
Send us your peace so that all pain will cease. Hear our prayer today.*

*Lord, send it, send it. Send your anointing.  
Send it, send it, send it Lord.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 2:1-21

**SERMON**

“Recognizing the Sacred”

Rev. Claunch

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE** “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

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**OFFERTORY**

Credo from Gospel Mass

Robert Ray

Caitlyn Adler, soloist; Bill Sabia, drums; Marshall Toppo, bass

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.*

*On the third day he arose.*

*He ascended to heaven, from death he was set free. Now he sits at the right hand and he’s waiting for you and me. He will judge all the world. He will judge you and me.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church. I believe, Lord, in one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth. I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world. I believe when my life is over I’m going home just to live with my God.*

*I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost. I believe in God!*

**\*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 #291**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Claunch

**POSTLUDE**

Jamaican Rumba

Arthur Benjamin

Jordan Pak, viola

*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.*

# 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 given in loving memory of Adriana Jervis by her Sunday School students.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- The Sunday School kids will be singing in worship today!
- Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers and students for another great year! See you in the fall!

## FELLOWSHIP

- Peg and Bob Mayo invite the congregation to attend Michael Scott Mayo's memorial service on June 14th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, followed by an interment in the Memorial Garden.
- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at [pbynum@lacny.org](mailto:pbynum@lacny.org).

## WORSHIP - INSTRUMENTALISTS & VOCALISTS

THE PAST YEAR IN MUSIC - Douglas Kostner, Director of Music Ministry

Here is a list of all the musicians who have participated in our Music Ministry over the past program year, September through June. Some are LAC members, some are from the wider community, some are professional; all have made a tangible contribution to our worship through their time and talents. We are grateful for them all.

### • INSTRUMENTALISTS

Alturas Duo (Carlos Boltes, charango & Scott Hill, guitar), Sally Anderson, clarinet, Jon Berger, percussion, Enid Blount Press, clarinet, Colin Brigstock, trumpet, Caitlyn Carpenter, viola, Don Downes, trumpet, Cameron Gray, violin, Melanie Huang, flute, Claudia Huter, flute, Steven Huter, piano, Jeffrey Hoffman, organ, Dave Lewitt, drums, Denise Meltzer, trumpet, Imogen Morrall, flute, Andrei Orasanu, guitar, Reagan Osteen, horn, Alex Pak, violin, Jordan Pak, viola, Bill Sabia, drums, Jack Schatz, tuba, Clint Sharman, trombone, Pamela Sklar, flute, John Sykes, cello, Quinn Sykes, cello, Marshall Toppo, bass, Wes Troeger, bass, Grant Tucker, saxophone, Ted Utz, bass, Ben Wien, piano, Debra Whitman, harp, Rich Williams, trombone, Slava Znatchenii, oboe.

### • LARCHMONT SYMPHONIA

Ava Albano, Clara Barnes, Mira Bokil-Hepp, Brynn Coady, Nola Coady, Isaac Dapkins, Isla Dapkins, E. Zoe Hassman, Annie Jaswal, Emily Jaswal, Andrew Kromholz, Lydia Leizman, Boots Maleson, Gent Malushaga, Elyse Mullen, Timmy O'Hara, Alexis Pedvis, Zeldia Rosen, Morris Schoeneman, Gaby Sefair, Nicole Sharlow, Kate Stocker, Magnolia Stone, Mikey Sullivan, James Tiebout, Charlotte Wells, Ellie Zeballos, Sara Zeballos.

### • VOCALISTS / CHANCEL CHOIR / SEASONAL CHOIR

Roseanne Ackerley, Caitlyn Adler, Susan Bell, Nathaniel Burich, Jeffrey Carpenter, Annetta Charles, Jack Cotterell, Nic Dávila, Garr DiSalvo, Camila Franzone, Christopher Derhammer Hill, Valeria Girardi Kostner, Amanda Gundling, David Hruska, Robin Hruska, Shawn Jeffery, Alexandra LeClere, Peg Mayo, Mackenzie Minguillo, Theresa Mischna, David Morse, Elizabeth Poyet, Jennifer Stevens, Emilie Surtees, Sheb Swett, Kaylee Taylor, Patricia Towle, James Widboom, Rich Williams, Michael Wingate, Kreshnik Zhabjaku.

### • SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Church Picnic

2:00 pm Larchmont Music Academy Recital (Sanct.)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 10

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Chapel)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 am Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary & Russell Hall)

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Main Office)

5:30 pm Youth Group Party (Manice Home)

6:30 pm Larchmont Music Academy Recital (Sanctuary)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

11:00 am Michael S. Mayo Memorial Service

3:00 pm Jordan Pak Recital (Sanctuary & Russell Hall)

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## 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

High — 1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,  
 Low — 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 All — 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (Cont'd next page)

*Refrain*

D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the

Bm E A D G

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,

G A D G D *Fine*

wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

D Bm

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

# GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.