

"An Art Bridge mural in New York City (2023)"

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025

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



While this tune is familiar to us as the hymn "Comfort, Comfort Now My People," the Genevan Psalter of 1551 from which it comes originally paired it with the words of Psalm 42.

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

One: We are justified by faith and faith alone. And now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian;

All: for in Christ we are all children of God through faith!

One: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;

All: for we are all one in Christ Jesus, and the same Lord is Lord of all.

One: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we make distinctions between them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them.

Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children, until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us....

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)

Faithful God, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit, so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 42

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON "No Longer" Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #14 (verse 4)

For the joy of human love -- brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

In Christ There Is No East or West (MCKEE)

Arr. Dale Wood

***DOXOLOGY** #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #19 "God of Great and God of Small"

*BENEDICTION Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE For the Beauty of the Earth (DIX) Wayne Wold

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

- In memory of Warren L. Serenbetz and Warren L. Serenbetz, Jr., by their family.
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We look forward to having everyone join us in the fall for Men's Bible study, Women's Bible study, Sunday School and Youth Group.

FELLOWSHIP

- Coffee served in Russell Hall today at 11:15 am.
- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at *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 for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: <u>lacoffice@lacny.org</u>
- Midnight Run Sat. Aug. 2 @ 4pm, Russell Hall

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

OFFICE CLOSED - STAFF RETREAT

MONDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 pm Session (Library)

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 pm Al Anon (Library) 7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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317 In Christ There Is No East or West



This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt. MUSIC: African American spiritual; Jubilee Songs, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940 MC KEE

God of Great and God of Small 19



- 1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
- 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des ti ny,
- 3 God of si lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
- 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long, God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour, God of day and dark-est night, God whose love turns wrong to right, God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.