



"The Visitor," Arthur Hopkins (1875)

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Vater unser im Himmelreich”

Max Reger

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: O Lord, we come this morning

**All: Knee-bowed and body-bent
Before Thy throne of grace.**

One: O Lord--this morning—

**All: Bow our hearts beneath our knees,
And our knees in some lonesome valley.**

One: We come this morning—

**All: Like empty pitchers to a full fountain,
With no merits of our own.**

One: O Lord--open up a window of heaven,

**All: And lean out far over the battlements of glory,
And listen this morning.**

*Excerpt from “Listen, Lord: A Prayer”
by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)*

***OPENING HYMN #469**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Gracious God, we humbly confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be.
We fail to heed your calls to righteousness.**

**We prioritize peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of our neighbors.
And much of the pain that burdens us is of our own making.**

**Hear our cries, O Lord, and cleanse us from our sin, so that we might find and follow
you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life...(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)*

**God of heaven and earth, we know that you hear us when we cry to you. Help us to
hear what you have to say to us today. Speak, Lord, for your servants are
listening. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 6:1-4, 8-9

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

“Keep Knocking”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #175 (*verses 1&2*)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

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

Rev. Claunch

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

“Did You Think to Pray?”
Cameron Gray, violin

Marshall McDonald

***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 #693**

“Though I May Speak”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Pomposo”

Ferris Tozer

*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.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY’S MUSICAL GUEST

Today’s musical guest is LAC’s own Cameron Gray.
Cameron will be a 7th grader at Hommocks this fall and is an active member of the youth group.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers given by Pat and Jim Allen in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary.

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.
- We love having little ones in worship with us! However, if you prefer, we have a nursery for infants & toddlers in Room 114 in the education wing. Ask an usher for directions

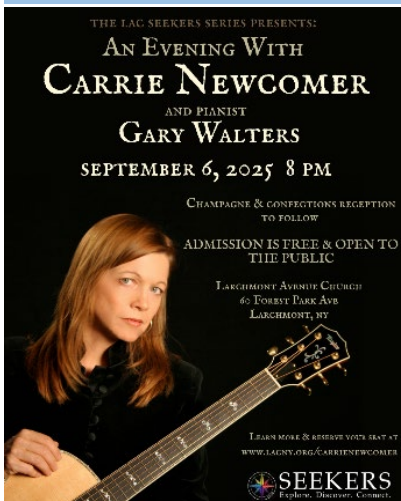
FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.

MUSIC

SERVICE

SEEKERS



LAC SEEKERS kicks off with a very special event on 9/6 at 8 PM

An Evening with Carrie Newcomer, singer, songwriter, poet, and activist.

Hailed by Rolling Stone Magazine as "asking all the right questions." Carrie has 20 nationally released albums to her credit. We're so pleased that her soulful, bluesy voice will fill our sanctuary for this very special evening!

Learn more about Carrie on our website. Reserve your seat, spread the word, and be sure to stay for the Champagne and Confections reception to follow the concert.



SCAN TO REGISTER
AND LISTEN TO CARRIE'S MUSIC

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JULY 27

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

MONDAY JULY 28

6:00 Larchmont Mamaroneck Youth Orch. (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, JULY 29

10:00 am Midnight Run Meeting (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Al Anon (Library)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 am Midnight Run (Carhart)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)

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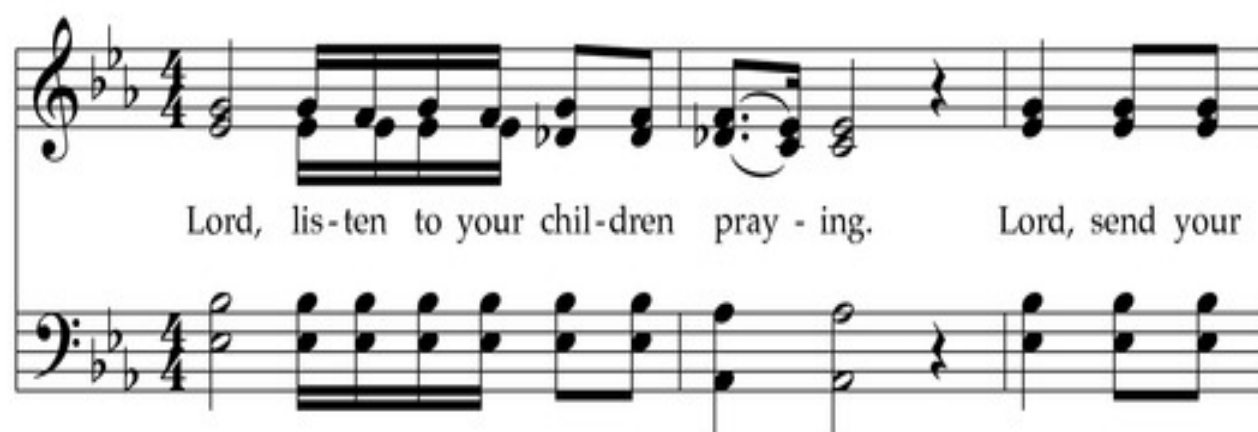


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Thank you!

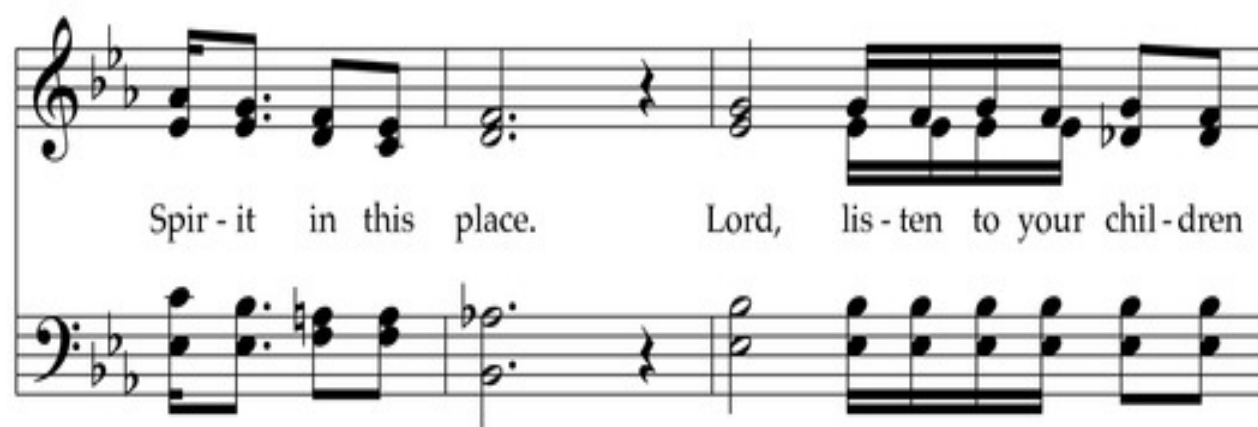


Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



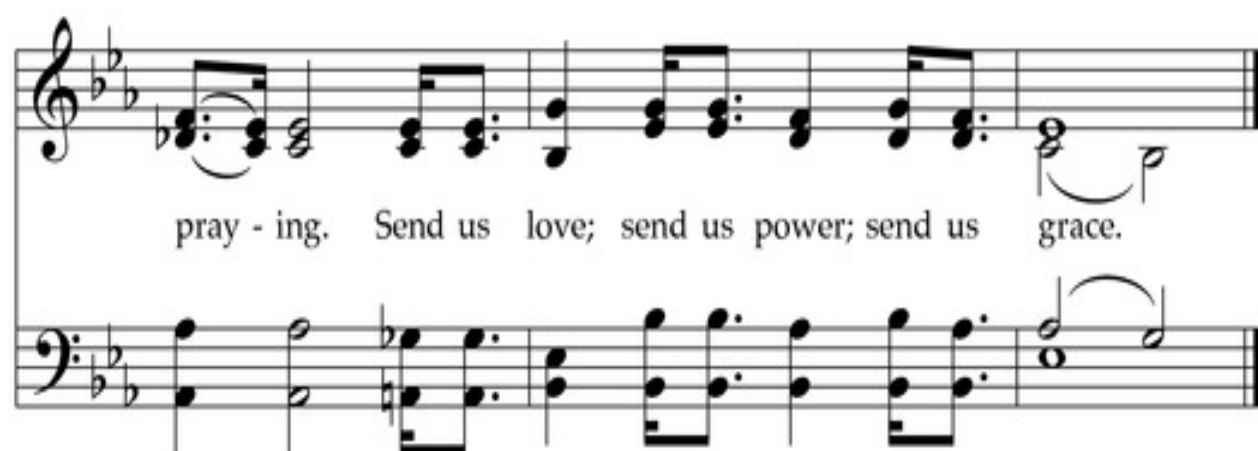
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The melody then descends with a half note E-flat5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note C5. The bass line in the bass clef consists of a half note G3, a half note F3, and a half note E3. The system concludes with a half note D3 and a half note C3.



Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The melody in the treble clef starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The melody then descends with a half note E-flat5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note C5. The bass line in the bass clef consists of a half note G3, a half note F3, and a half note E3. The system concludes with a half note D3 and a half note C3.



pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system of music concludes the chorus. The melody in the treble clef starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, and a quarter note F5. The melody then descends with a half note E-flat5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note C5. The bass line in the bass clef consists of a half note G3, a half note F3, and a half note E3. The system concludes with a half note D3 and a half note C3.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love

1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

TEXT: Hal H. Hopson, 1972

MUSIC: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972
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