



*Blaze marking the path of the Appalachian Trail*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 31, 2025

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



## PRELUDE

“I Need Thee Every Hour ”  
Nessa Cutler, flute

Arr. Faye Lopez

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is an old poem about two roads in a wood.  
Both were pleasant to see, and both seemed good.  
The traveler, giving them both a good stare,  
saw one had been worn with more footsteps through there.

**All: And it made all the difference, he later would say,  
to take the road less traveled on that fateful day.**

One: There is an old psalm about the paths that we take,  
the priorities we set, and the choices we make.  
“Lead me in your truth,” the old psalmist prays.  
“Help me know where to go; help me know your ways.”

**All: As those who seek meaning and joy we can’t lose,  
we ask God to show us the ways we should choose.**

One: Let us worship God.

### \*OPENING HYMN #835 “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Maddox Alexander Duquette, son of Talia Leclere and Marc Duquette*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #486

*“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

### \*THE PEACE

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Merciful God, in Christ you show us a way that is humble and seeks the  
good of others, but we confess that we go our own way. We choose to  
follow the well-trodden paths of the world, obeying its teaching about  
how to win at the game of life.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for our pride and for our sin. Free us from the  
temptation to pursue our own wants to the neglect of others’ needs.  
Help us to walk your paths of righteousness, to the glory of Jesus Christ  
our Savior...**

## 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)*

**O Lord our God, thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As it is read and proclaimed today, we ask you to bless us with your wisdom and guidance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

## NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 13: 1-9a, 14-16

## SERMON

“Blazing the Trail”

Rev. Bynum

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #738 *(verses 1 & 4)*

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free.  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

## 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

*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

“Somos del Señor (When We Are Living)”  
Nessa Cutler, flute

Arr. Joel Raney

**\*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 #816** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

**POSTLUDE** “Ye Banks and Braes (We Cannot Measure How You Heal)”

Nessa Cutler, flute

Arr. Percy Grainger

*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**

*We are pleased to welcome Nessa Cutler as today’s musical guest.*

Nessa has studied the flute at Larchmont Music Academy since the fifth grade and is currently a senior at Mamaroneck High School. Last year, she auditioned for the All-State ensemble, preparing her recordings in our sanctuary.

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.



LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH PRESENTS...

AN EVENING WITH  
**CARRIE NEWCOMER**

AND PIANIST GARY WALTERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 8PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

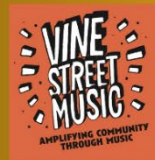
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Larchmont Avenue Church

# ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, September 07, 2025

ALL  
ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DAY...



WORSHIP @ 10 AM:

CARRIE NEWCOMER, PIANIST GARY  
WALTERS WITH LAC CHANCEL CHOIR

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY @ 11:15-12:30

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# Announcements & Happenings

## PRAYERS

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

## FLOWERS

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

## 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, AUGUST 31

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day - Offices Closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 Deacons Meeting (Library)  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

11:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting (Library)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 pm SEEKERS Event - Carrie Newcomer Concert

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