



*A modern vineyard in Israel*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 17, 2025

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



## PRELUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Arr. Marianne Kim  
Melanie Huang, flute

## 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 80)*

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, so that we may be saved!**

One: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**All: Why then have you broken down the walls of this vineyard, so that anyone who passes by can pluck away its fruit? O Lord God, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

One: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, so that we may be saved. Let your hand rest on your pleasant planting, the people you have raised up for yourself.

**All: Then we will never turn back from you!**

**Give us life, O God, and we will call on your name!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #753

“Make Me Channel of Your Peace”

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

Rev. Bynum

**O Christ, you are the True Vine and we are your branches, but we confess that we are not abiding in you. You ask us to yield good fruit, but our feeble attempts at good deeds wither on the vine. You desire justice, but we give you bloodshed. You call us to righteousness, but we fail to answer the cries of those in need.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, and restore us to good health. Prune us and train us so we might bear the kind of fruit that you desire – lives of goodness, mercy, humility, and faithfulness. Teach us, Lord, to abide in you...*(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)*

**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.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Claunch

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 5:1-7

**SERMON**

“God v. The Vineyard”

Rev. Bynum

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #688** *(verses 1 & 5)*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame*

**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

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**OFFERTORY**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Marianne Kim

**\*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 #546**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Arr. Rebecca Bonam

*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.*

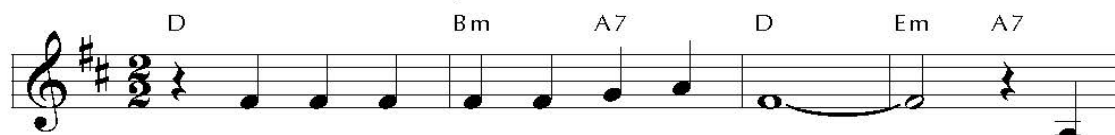
### **TODAY’S MUSICAL GUEST**

College student Melanie Huang is both a member and a regular musical instrumentalist at LAC.

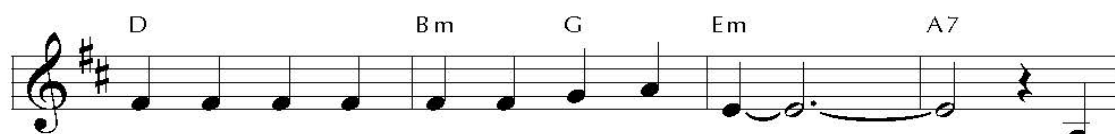
# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

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1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



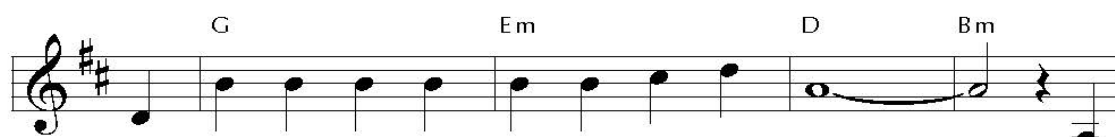
there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

The musical score is written on two staves in the key of D major (two sharps). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, with lyrics 'un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'loved as to love with all my soul.' and includes a double bar line with the instruction 'to Stanza 4'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, Em, F#m, Bm on the first staff, and E, E7, A, E, A, A7 on the second staff.

G Em F#m Bm

un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

*to Stanza 4*

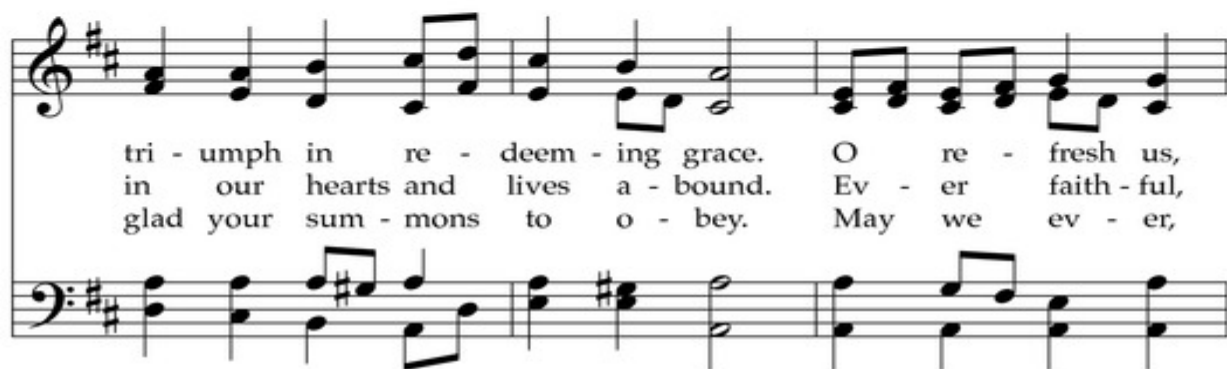
## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.



LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH PRESENTS...

# AN EVENING WITH CARRIE NEWCOMER

AND PIANIST GARY WALTERS

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 8PM

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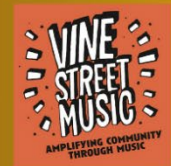
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Larchmont Avenue Church

# 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).

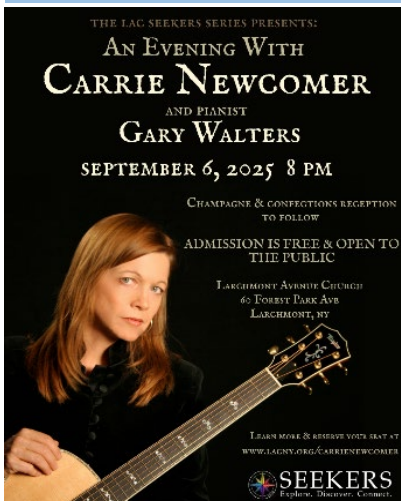
## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 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 17

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 am Compassion Camp  
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 am Compassion Camp  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am Compassion Camp  
11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 am Compassion Camp  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 am Compassion Camp

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