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Larchmont Avenue Church

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 24, 2025

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



PRELUDE

“Caricature of a Sunday School Song”

Arr. Dale Wood

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** *(from Psalm 18)*

One: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: The Lord lives, and blessed be the rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted!

One: In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

All: The Lord lives, and blessed be the rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted!

One: It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.

All: The Lord lives, and blessed be the rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted!

COMPASSION CAMP CELEBRATION

OPENING SONGS

“I Want to Teach the World to Sing”

“Loving Kindness”

May I be happy, may I be well, may I be safe and sound.

May I be peaceful, may I be at ease, with love in my heart and all around.

May you be happy, may you be well, may you be safe and sound.

May you be peaceful, may you be at ease, with love in your heart and all around.

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

**Afterwards we invite all kids ages 3 through 12 to join Rev. Claunch downstairs in the Carhart Room for a final lesson to wrap-up our week together. (All kids are welcome—not just Compassion Campers!)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

O Lord, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. As your Word is read and proclaimed, we ask you to still our busy minds, calm our troubled hearts, and speak the lasting truth that we need to hear this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 71

SERMON

“The Impregnable Fortress”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #353 *(verses 1 & 2)*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

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

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OFFERTORY

“The Solid Rock”
Chaim Sciamma, flute

Arr. Brent Olstad

*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 #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Chaim Sciamma, flute

Arr. Brant Adams

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

Chaim Sciamma.

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH PRESENTS...

AN EVENING WITH CARRIE NEWCOMER

AND PIANIST GARY WALTERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 8PM

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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

BOUNCE HOUSE, KIDS' GAMES &

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Announcements & Happenings

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and campers for another great year of Compassion Camp!

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.

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.

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 24

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Compassion Camp Sunday School (Carhart)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Scotland Trip Meeting (Carhart)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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