



"The Homecoming," by Newell Convers Wyeth (1945)

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 7th, 2025

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



PRELUDE

“Theme from the New World”

Gary Walters, piano

Antonín Dvořák

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*THE PEACE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ANTHEM

“Lean in Toward the Light”

Carrie Newcomer, Gary Walters, Douglas Kostner, and the Chancel Choir

*Winter is the oldest season, quietly beneath the snow
Seeds are stretching out and reaching, faithful as the morning glow.
Carry nothing but what you must, lean in toward the light;
Let it go, shake off the dust, lean in toward the light.
Today is now, tomorrow beckons, lean in toward the light;
Keep practicing resurrection, lean in toward the light.
Shadows of this world will say, “There’s no hope; why try anyway?”
Every kindness, large or slight, shifts the balance toward the light.
Waters wind and open wide, lean in toward the light;
Don’t just walk when you can fly, lean in toward the light.
Justice seems in short supply, lean in toward the light;
Let beauty be your truest guide, lean in toward the light.
This prayer I pray at eventide, lean in toward the light
All left undone, be put aside, lean in toward the light.
When forgiveness is hard to find, lean in toward the light;
Your please at least to be kind, lean in toward the light.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Holy One, we confess that your righteousness is not fully written on our hearts. If it were, our lives would be better reflections of your love, joy, and peace; and we would not continually stray from your path, from your people, and from You. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have ventured far from our spiritual home. Cleanse our burdened hearts, renew a right spirit within us, and draw us more fully into your holiness, so that we might be your true disciples...(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.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

(after the message, the children will follow Rev. Claunch to the Carhart Room for an abbreviated Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Jack Bowerman

O Lord, as the scriptures are read and proclaimed this morning, grant that we may hear, accept, and share what your Word says with generous hearts and spirits. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 122

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 10:16-25

SERMON “Homecoming”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #529 *(verses 1 and 3)*

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.**

**Alleluia! alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! alleluia! We will serve with faith anew!**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“Room at the Table”

Carrie Newcomer, Gary Walters, Douglas Kostner, and the Chancel Choir

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins;

There is room at the table for everyone.

This is where it all begins, this is how we gather in;

There is room at the table for everyone.

Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone;

There is room at the table for everyone.

This is how it all begins, let us sing the new world in;

There is room at the table for everyone.

There is room for us all and no gift is too small;

There is room at the table for everyone.

There's enough if we share, come on, pull up a chair;

There is room at the table for everyone.

No matter who you are, no matter where you're from,

There is room at the table for everyone.

Here and now we can be the beloved community;

There is room at the table for everyone.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever

proclaim the glory of your name...

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your
Glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

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

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" Jacques Berthier
(Choir and Congregation singing)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

**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.**

*CLOSING HYMN #816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

"Here, There, and Everywhere"

Lennon & McCartney

Gary Walters, piano

*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*

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School kicks off today! Volunteers are appreciated and needed. Please contact: agclaunch@lacny.org for more information.
- Youth Group begins this Wednesday! 5th-7th meet from 5-6 pm & 8th-12th meet from 6:15-7:30.
If your student would like to join, please contact: agclaunch@lacny.org for information.
- 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.
- Join us @ 11:15 today for LAC's Annual Block Party!

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, 9/03 at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed, all are welcome (HS to adults). Contact: dkostner@lacny.org for more information.

SERVICE

- Midnight Run . Join us at 4pm in Russell Hall
September 20th
October 18th
November 8th
December 6th

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:15 am Block Party
7:30 pm Feb Service Trip Info Meeting (Zoom)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:00 pm Larch. Mamar. Youth Orch. (Russell Hall, Carhart, Room 202)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group: 5th to 7th Grades (Youth Center)
6:15 pm Youth Group: 8th to 12th Grades (Youth Center)

7:00 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee (Library)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
4:00 pm West. Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Room 202)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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