



"Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet", Michelangelo

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 21, 2025

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE "Folk Song" Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

INTROIT "The Lord is My Refuge" Douglas Kostner
The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

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**
One: Turn us, O God,
All: away from the world's temptations and distractions.
One: Return us, O God,
All: to the quiet calm of your presence.
One: Restore us, O God,
All: to the path you call us to follow.
One: Orient us, O God,
All: to the hope of all that is possible through you.

***OPENING HYMN #391** "This is the Day"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. (moment of silence)

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)
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

PSALTER READING Psalm 22

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

SERMON "No Balm in Gilead " Rev. Claunch

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

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OFFERTORY

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Arr. William Dawson

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all*

*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 #792 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Richard Proulx

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.*

This Is the Day

Este es el día

(Psalm 118)

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Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (D) (Em7)

F Gm7 F Gm7

This is the day; this is the day;
¡Es - te es el dí - a, es - te es el dí - a,

(D) (Em7) (A) (D) Fine

F Gm7 C F

this is the day that God has made!
es - te es el dí - a que hi - zo Dios!

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!
 2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,
 3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.
 4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.
 of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,
 I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.
 from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,
 turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed
 This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.
 God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

The author/composer has incorporated elements of his Argentinian culture in this dynamic paraphrase of Psalm 118. In particular, the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (*gauchos*) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning.

GATHERING

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The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the chords (D) F, (A7) C7, and (D) F are indicated. The text 'to Refrain al Estribillo' is written above the final (D) F chord. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a syllabic style, with hyphens indicating where a note spans multiple syllables.

(D) F (A7) C7 (D) F to Refrain al Estribillo

sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.
in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.
Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:
glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

SPANISH

- 1 *Ábrame las puertas de la justicia,
y entraré alabando a mi Dios.
Esta es la puerta que Dios nos ha dado,
todos los justos por ella entrarán.*
- 2 *Voy a alabarte porque me has oído
y porque fuiste mi gran salvación.
Esa piedra que todos despreciaron
resulta ahora ser fundamental.*
- 3 *Es el Señor quien ha hecho todo esto;
¡qué maravilla poder verlo hoy!
Este es el día que el Señor ha hecho,
con alegría gozamos en Él.*
- 4 *Al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo
demostramos la gloria por la eternidad;
como al principio, tal cual es ahora
y lo será para siempre jamás.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

FLOWERS

- Today's flowers are donated in loving memory of our son, Michael Mayo, by his parents. May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand.
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School for preschool-4th grade today following the Children's Message.
- Nursery for infants & toddlers in Room 114 in the education wing is. Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE! ALL ARE WELCOME

10/9 @ 7pm SEEKERS: Join artist SoHyum Bae for a multimedia presentation & discussion "Painting as Pray."

10/17 @ 5 pm to 7 pm FAMILY GAME NIGHT: Pizza, prizes, games, FUN!!!!

10/19 @ 2pm BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Beloved tradition. All pets are welcomed!

STEWARDSHIP

Family Sunday Brunch September 28th @ 11:15 am

Learn more about LAC's **2026 Stewardship Campaign**, programs, ministry work, and community impact, all while enjoying a fun meal complete with homemade waffles, yummy food, kids' crafts, and activities.

Giving thanks for what has been, and looking ahead to what can be, help us build upon the amazing LAC legacy that has been passed on to us!

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed, all are welcome (HS to adults). Contact: dkostner@lacny.org.
- Symphonia in Worship, 10/26.

SERVICE

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

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)
5:00 pm Youth Group: 5th to 7th Grades (Youth Center)
6:15 pm Youth Group: 8th to 12th Grades (Youth Center)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:00 pm Larchmont Arts Festival (Constitution Park)

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