

"Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet", Michelangelo

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch 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

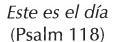
POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Richard Proulx

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.

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



- 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,



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



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

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.

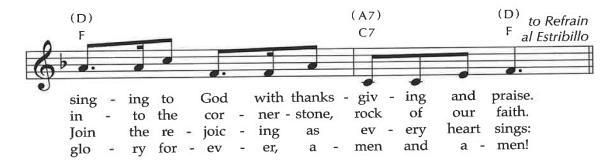
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Este es el día (Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

GATHERING



SPANISH

- Ábranme 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 gocemos en Él.
- 4 Al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo demos la gloria por la eternidad; como al principio, tal cual es ahora y lo será para siempre jamás.



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 SERVICE

- Chancel Choir rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30
 PM. No auditions needed, all are welcome (HS to adults). Contact: dkostner@lacny.org.
 - Midnight Run . Join us at 4pm in Russell Hall October 18th, November 8th, December 6th

• Symphonia in Worship, 10/26.

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)

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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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