



Larchmont Avenue Church

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 28, 2025

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



PRELUDE

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”
Ian Underwood, bagpipes

Arr. Timothy Cummings

INTROIT

“The Stone that the Builders Rejected” Douglas Kostner
*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing; it is wonderful in our eyes.*

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

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

One: For this reason, we understand Christ to be the one and only head of the Church.

All: The Church cannot have any other head besides Christ!

One: What then are we?

All: We are servants of Christ and the body of Christ. Working together, we become living monuments to God’s grace... living blocks being laid upon the foundation of many generations... living stones being added to God’s house.

*OPENING HYMN #246

“Christ is Alive!” (*verses 1, 4, and 5*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Gracious God, you have built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Though you call us to be living stones in that holy edifice, we confess that we are often unreliable additions to your creation. Impurities in our makeup compromise our strength, and we sometimes crumble under the weight of the world.

Forgive us, Lord, for our weakness. Strengthen us for lives of faith and service, so that we together may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*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*)

Here we are, Lord. We are here to sing, here to pray, here to learn how to be your people. Through your holy Word, teach us to build our lives not upon the shifting sands of the world, but upon the solid rock of your steadfast love and righteousness. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 18:1-20

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 2:4-10

SERMON "Christ is the Cornerstone; We are the Foundation"

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #394 (*verses 1 & 3*)

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain, what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

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!*

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship 2026

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Bynum

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

"Cornerstone" Stephen Kirchner
Ian Underwood, bass; Bill Sabia, drums

Oh, the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

*A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold,
Only to rise up again and bear its seed a thousandfold.*

*Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way,
Whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day.*

*The love that rolls the stone away gives us life and that we may sing,
"Grave, where is thy victory? Death, O death, where is thy sting?"*

***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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Rev. Bynum

***CLOSING HYMN #321** “The Church’s One Foundation” (*verses 1, 4, and 5*)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

Ian Hunt

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 GUESTS

Ian Underwood, bagpipes and bass; Bill Sabia, drums

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

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 today following the Children's Message. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. Please contact: agclaunch@lacny.org for more information.
- 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! If you prefer, there is a nursery for infants & toddlers (Room 114/Education Wing). 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 Prayer" (Carhart)**

10/17 @ 5 pm to 7 pm **FAMILY GAME NIGHT: Pizza, prizes, games, FUN!!!! (Russell Hall)**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship 2025 Family Sunday Brunch Today @ 11:15

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 28

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch (Chapel, Carhart, Rm 202)

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

11:00 am Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:00 pm Westch. Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Rm 202)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

11:00 am Woman's Club of Larchmont

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