



"Calling Disciples" He Qi

Larchmont Avenue Church

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Arr. Olive Russell

INTROIT "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" Kirchenordnung, 1528
O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace!

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: To those who wish to follow him, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?"

All: Teacher, we are looking for a better way to live.

One: "What are you looking for?"

**All: We are not looking for worldly wealth, nor the prizes of paradise,
but simply to be with God.**

One: "What are you looking for?"

**All: We are not looking for praise or worldly fame; we listen for God to call us by
name.**

***OPENING HYMN #408** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Lamb of God, as you take on the sins and suffering of the world, you invite us
to follow you. But, as we seek you, we do not always know what to look for.
We do not always see your light in the darkness. We do not always
recognize your work in our lives. We lose sight of the path that leads to
righteousness.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for our blindness and ignorance. Call us into partnership
with you, to love and serve your people by your side. Call us by name, and
we will follow... (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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*) Rev. Claunch

**Loving God, your Word is full of power and glory. As we seek your
wisdom today, we ask you to pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we may
know where to look, and what to look for, as we seek to be your true
disciples. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 40

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:29-42

SERMON

“Knowing What To Look For”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #757 (*verses 1 and 4*)

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plow-share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

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

“Get on Board, Little Children” Arr. Andre Thomas
Bill Sabia, drums

*Get on board, little children, get on board today.
Get on board, little children, get on board today.
Get on board, little children, get on board, little children.
Get on board, little children, there's room for many a more.*

*The Gospel train is coming; I hear it just at hand.
I hear the car wheels moving and rumbling through the land.
Get on board, little children, get on board, little children.
Get on board, little children, there's room for many a more.*

*I hear that train a-coming; she's coming round the curve.
She's loosened all her steam and brakes and straining every nerve.*

*Get on board, little children, get on board, little children.
Get on board, little children, there's room for many a more.*

*The fare is cheap and all can go; the rich and poor are there.
No second class aboard this train, no difference in the fare.*

*Get on board, little children, get on board, little children.
Get on board, little children, there's room for many a more.*

***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 #726** *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE *"Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho"* Arr. Fela Sowande

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to get up and greet your
neighbors.*

**Please stand if you are able*

Notice of Annual Meetings

On January 25, 2026, at the end of the worship service, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Larchmont Avenue Church, as well as the annual meeting of the Larchmont Avenue Church Corporation, will be called to order.

The agenda for the congregational meeting will include, among other things, receipt of the 2025 Annual Report and the 2026 budget, as well as reviewing the updated pastoral terms of call.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Announcements & Happenings

Save the Date!

January 25th -- Mission Trip Fundraiser Coffee Hour. More details to come!

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 pbynum@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Due to the holiday weekend, Sunday School will not meet today.
- Youth Groups meet next on Wednesday, January 28th.

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Hour is a great time to greet and connect with fellow members and guests. We thank our Deacons for providing this important time of hospitality and fellowship.

MUSIC

Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

No auditions needed; all are welcome (HS to adults).

Contact: dkostner@lacny.org.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church office closed for MLK Holiday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 am Hudson River Presbytery Committee on Ministry

4:00 pm Larchmont Music Academy Recital (Sanctuary)

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