



Larchmont Avenue Church

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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

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



PRELUDE

“Lonesome Valley”
Larchmont Symphonia

Jason Krug

INTROIT

“The Lord is my Refuge”
The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

Douglas Kostner

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: The abiding love of God cradles the entire cosmos.

All: All of eternity rests in the embrace of Sacred Wisdom.

One: When our fears and limitations crowd our perception of what’s possible,

All: we remember, our help comes from God.

One: In memory of the saints who leaned on Love in the most trying situations,

All: and in solidarity with all who dare to practice hope in these days,

One: let us gather in the presence of God that we might be renewed in faith.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us brave in moral imagination.

*OPENING HYMN #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

We confess, Creator God, that we want a closer walk with you yet are afraid to live by faith rather than by sight. You offer us new birth, but we are both attracted and repelled by newness as well as the challenges and promises of a life of trusting you.

Forgive us for not turning our lives over completely to you and allowing you to be the center of all we are and do. Embrace and consume us. Give us the courage of our convictions. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Patty Towle

Gracious God, as we hear your Word this morning, open our hearts to trust your grace—a gift freely given, not earned. By your Spirit, make your promise alive in us today; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121

ANTHEM

“Psalm 91”

Craig Courtney

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Say to the Lord, “My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”
He will deliver you from the fowler’s snare, and under his wings you will find refuge.
His faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day,
Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or ravages at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but you will not be harmed.
If you make the Most High your dwelling, even the Lord, who is my refuge,
then no harm will befall you; No scourge will approach your tent.
He will give his angels charge over you;
on their hands they will lift you up lest you strike your foot upon a stone.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

SERMON “A Lenten Journey Through Romans: The Wrath of the Law” Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #688 *(verse 1)*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.*

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 & 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. 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

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

“Terzetto: Allegro non troppo”

Antonín Dvořák

Isla Dapkins & Nicole Sharlow, violin; Juliet Wei, viola

*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

Rev. Bynum

*CLOSING HYMN #215 “What Wondrous Love is This”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

“Darkened Shadows”

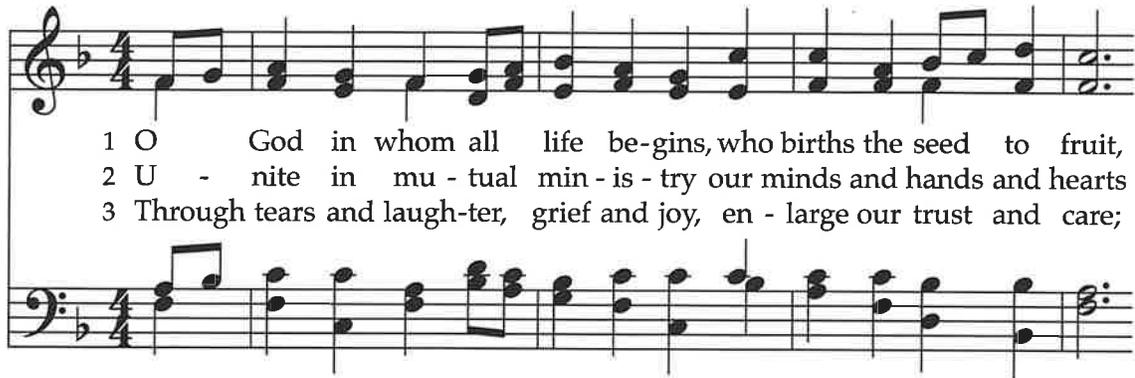
Joshua Reznikow

Larchmont Symphonia

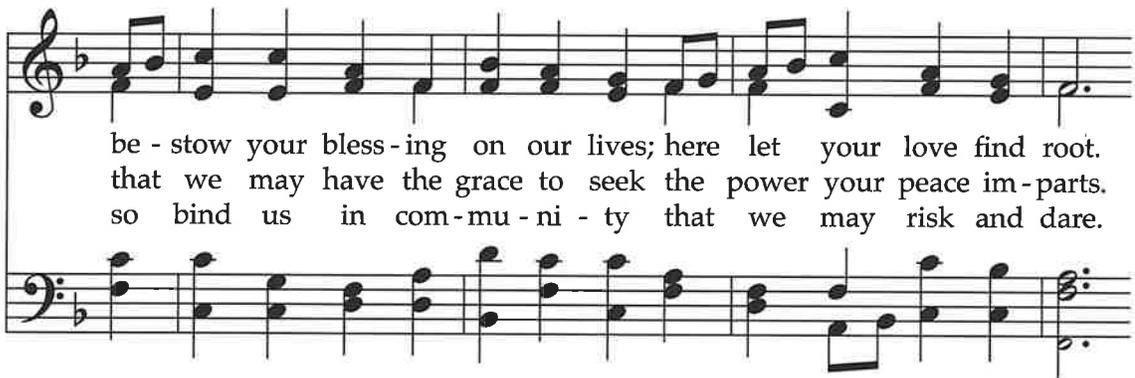
NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.

**Please stand if you are able*

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



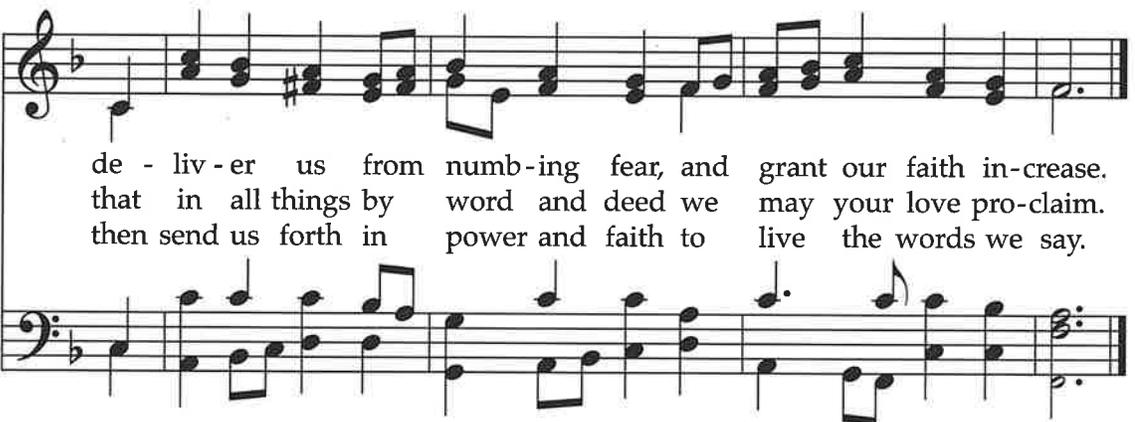
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215

Dm C Dm C Dm Am

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B^b Gm Am Em

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

G Dm C Am C Dm Am

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Em Am C Dm Am C Dm

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

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 pbynum@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Because it is a Communion Sunday, the kids will begin in Sunday School downstairs in Carhart. They will return for Communion later in the service.
- We love having little ones in worship, but if you prefer, there is a nursery in Room 114 (Education Wing). Ask an usher for directions.

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.

SERVICE

Family Day of Service -- March 7, 2026
Rummage Sale – April 18-25, 2026

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orch (Russell, Chapel, 202)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm WC Chorus Rehearsal (Russell Hall)
6:45 pm LMA Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am LAC Day of Service
8:15 pm Midnight Run

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