

Larchmont Avenue Church

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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



PRELUDE “More Holiness Give Me” Arr. Marshall McDonald
Andrew Kromholz, cello

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***RESPONSIVE READING** *1 John 3: 1-3, 16-18*

One: “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.

All: The reason the world does not know us is that the world does not know God.

One: Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

All: What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

One: We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

All: Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action!”

***OPENING HYMN #744** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Claunch

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts. We sacrifice much for false idols, while we forsake your call to sacrificial love and service.

Forgive us, Lord. Give us grace. Take away the sin of the world, and teach us, as your disciples, to reflect the wonder of your love...

(time for silent prayer)

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)* Grey Harvey
**Gracious God, lead us by your Word through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may be
daily witnesses to your steadfast love. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 53:1-12

ANTHEM "A Living Prayer" Alison Kraus
Elizabeth Sternlieb, soloist; Andrew Kromholz, cello

*In this world, I walk alone, with no place to call my home. But there's
one who holds my hand, the rugged road through barren lands. The way
is dark, the road is steep. but he's become my eyes to see.
The strength to climb, my griefs to bear, the Savior lives inside me there.
In Your love I find release, a haven from my unbelief. Take my life and
let me be a living prayer, my God, to thee.
In these trials of life I find another voice inside my mind. He comforts
me and bids me live inside the love the Father gives.
In Your love I find release, a haven from my unbelief. Take my life and
let me be a living prayer, my God, to thee.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12: 1-2, 9-18

SERMON "A Lenten Journey Through Romans: A Living Sacrifice"
Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #703 *(verse 1)*

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

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

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 “O God, Open Up My Lips / Sanctuary”

Hanna Tiferet/
John Thompson

*Adonai s'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha.
O God, open up my lips as I begin to pray.*

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

*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 #697** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Take My Life”
Andrew Kromholz, cello

Arr. Phyllis Delello

*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*

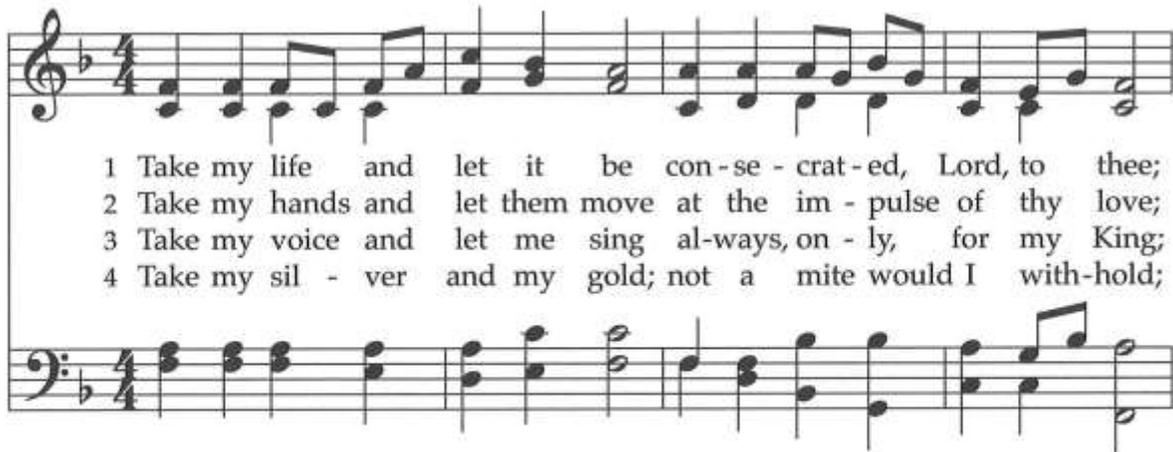
744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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.
- Easter flower memorials are now open on the "Donate Now" page of lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School will meet after the Children's Message in the Carhart Room.
- We love having little ones in worship, but if you prefer, there is a nursery for infants & toddlers (Room 114/Education Wing). Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

- SEEKERS – March 26th 7 pm -- "Heart Safe Communities: Inspiring Youth Sports through Readiness"
- We thank our Deacons for providing time for fellowship at Coffee Hour, immediately following the service!

MUSIC

Chancel Choir -- Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed; all are welcome (HS to adults). Contact: dkostner@lacny.org.

SERVICE

Rummage Sale – April 18-25, 2026

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School with Anna Grace (Carhart)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell)
11:15 am Confirmation Class
11:15 am Personnel Committee (Library)
1:00 pm Westchester Musicians Guild (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orch (Russell, Chapel, 202)
7:00 pm Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Lindsley)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

11:00 am Women's Club of Larchmont (Carhart)

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