



“My Lord and My God!” Ronald Raab, 2018

Larchmont Avenue Church

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April 12, 2026
1st Sunday of Easter

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



PRELUDE

“Engelberg”

Paul Carson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rummage Sale 2026

Kim Larsen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In places of fear and uncertainty, we gather.

All: And still, Christ meets us here.

One: In moments of doubt and searching, we come.

All: And still, Christ offers us peace.

One: With questions, with hope, with guarded hearts, we arrive.

All: And still, Christ welcomes us.

One: Come, receive the peace of the risen Christ.

All: We open our hearts and worship together.

***THE PEACE**

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

***OPENING HYMN #641** “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Risen Christ, you come among us with peace, yet we confess how often we live in fear.

You invite us to trust, yet we cling to doubt and close off our hearts. We confess that we do not always live as resurrection people—we hold onto what is broken, we resist your call to love boldly, we turn away from the work of justice and mercy.

Forgive us, we pray. Breathe your peace into our anxious lives. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may live with courage, compassion, and hope. In your mercy, renew us, and lead us into new life... *(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)*

Mia Anderson

Risen Christ, come into our questions and doubts, and open us to your truth. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

“A Doubting Faith”

Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #247 (*verses 1 & 4*)

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again like wheat arising green.*

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!*

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

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”
Rich Williams, Trombone

Arr. Brant Adams

***DOXOLOGY #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God; all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #250**

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

“Easter Alleluia”
Rich Williams, Trombone

Arr. Gary Lanier

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*

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Scan this QR code to sponsor sanctuary flowers for an upcoming Sunday:



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School meets today after the Children's Message in the Carhart Room.
- Little ones are welcome in worship, but a **nursery** for infants & toddlers is also available in Room 114. Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

- Join us for Coffee Hour in Russell Hall immediately following the service!
- Mark your calendars for Earth Care Sunday & Bring a Friend Sunday on April 26th!

MUSIC

Join us today at 4 pm for a Spring Voice Recital featuring baritone Dennis Blackwell and Douglas Kostner on the piano!

SERVICE

Rummage Sale – April 18-25, 2026

Today's flowers are a gift from the deacons in honor of Valerie and Douglas Kostner's second wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, April 12

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell)
11:15 am Confirmation Class (Carhart)
4:00 pm Blackwell/Kostner Recital

MONDAY, April 13

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

TUESDAY, April 14

7:00 pm Finance Committee (Lindsley)

WEDNESDAY, April 15

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

THURSDAY, April 16

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

FRIDAY, April 17

11:00 am Larch. Woman's Club (Carhart)

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641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



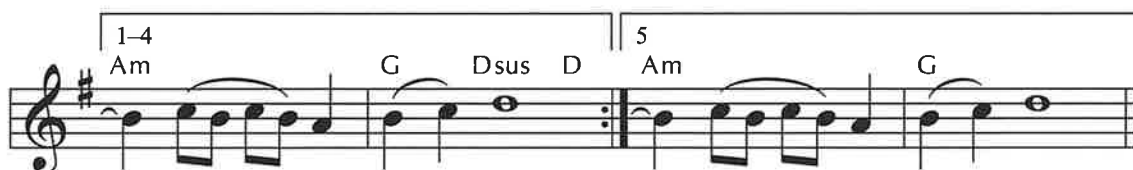
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)

F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)

C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)

F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.