



"The Love of God" Sabrina Squires

Larchmont Avenue Church

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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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



PRELUDE “Blessed Assurance” J. Bert Carlson

INTROIT “God Is Love” Douglas Kostner
God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Welcome Committee: Hospitality*

***THE PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The risen Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

All: Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.

One: In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

All: In reverence and joy, we praise God’s holy name!

***OPENING HYMN #248** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, “What should we do?”

And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.”

Even so, we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways,

and take for granted the grace you have given us.

Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return to you...(*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)*

Ben Meintjes

Living God, as we continue to celebrate the empty tomb, we ask you to open our ears and our hearts, so that we might hear what you would have us hear, and do what you would have us do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:10-18

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

SERMON

“Born Anew”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #618 *(verse 5)*

*All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

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

“God Fashioned Love”

Carol Muehlig

*God fashioned love and gave it as a gift for each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might sift as wheat from chaff to make*

*an increase of the best,
That time and wind might have the rest.*

*God fashioned love and gave from heaven's store for each to share and
give again,
That through all generations love might pour as wine from water by a
miracle can pass,
That every hand might take the glass.*

*God fashioned love and gave it mankind's cast for each to share and
give again,
That through all generations love might last as Christ is born in every
child God gives,
So love, though yet all die, shall live.*

***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 #839** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

*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*

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - er - y - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

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1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

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TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

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 the Lindsley Room immediately following the service. Please the change in location, which is due to preparations for the Rummage Sale.

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

(see detail below)

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley Room)
12-4 pm Rummage Sale Donations accepted

MONDAY, APRIL 20

10 am -4 pm Rummage Sale Donations accepted
6:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orch (Chapel, 202)
7:00 pm Trustees (Library)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

9 am -12 pm Rummage Sale Donations accepted

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group – 5th to 7th grades
6:15 pm Youth Group – 8th to 12th grades
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

4 pm – 8 pm Rummage Sale
4:00 pm WC Chorus Rehearsal (Chapel; Sanctuary)
7:15 pm AA (Chapel)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

9:30 am – 4 pm Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 am – 12 pm Rummage Sale

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