



Larchmont Avenue Church

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April 26, 2026 Earth Care Sunday

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Terra Beata”

Dale Wood

INTROIT

“How Many Are Your Works Lord” Douglas Kostner

*How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

RECOGNITION OF “BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY”

***THE PEACE**

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Eco Task Force

Kristen Carpenter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Angie Leissl

One: Come all who seek the way of love,

All: to praise and worship the God of extravagant welcome.

One: Come all who seek vitality,

All: to praise and worship the God of abundant life.

One: Come all who seek connection,

All: to praise and worship the God of all Creation.

***OPENING HYMN #14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

(vs. 1 all / vs. 2 high voices / vs. 3 low voices / vs. 4 choir only / vs. 5 all)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Christel Pugin

Lord, every day, as we try to follow your ways, we meet our own stumbling blocks. We often fail to pay attention, letting our hectic lives get in the way of caring and turning away from what God asks from us. The amount of brokenness can be overwhelming--the strife of nations, extensive environmental damage, the needs of our communities, our neighbors, and our families.

Forgive us, Lord, for thinking we can find our spiritual path on our own. We know that, if we would only stop and ask for your guidance, and then really listen, you will help us find our way. Give us your grace and help us to do better. In Jesus’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*) Elizabeth Poyet

Loving God, opening ourselves to your Word and worship is not always an easy thing. Help us to set aside what we see as our pressing daily concerns. Help us to take a deep breath and center ourselves. Help us to open our hearts and let your Word take us by surprise. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 2: 8-9, 15 Kristen Carpenter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

SECOND READING Psalm 104 (*selected verses*)

SERMON "Filled With Good Things" Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #340 (*verse 2*)

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on
cloverleaf and pine.*

*But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover, and skies are
everywhere as blue as mine.*

*So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their
land and for mine.*

PRAYER 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. 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

“Hamisha Asar”

Flory Jagoda

Hamisha Asar, Hamisha Asar, ven a vernos, vamos kantar.

La balabaya mos aspera kon kintze platos de fruta.

Bendicho su nombre Sinyor del mundo frutas de Israel.

Hamisha Asar, Hamisha Asar, ven a vernos, vamos balyar.

La balabaya mos aspera la baklaba i kave.

Bendicho su nombre Sinyor del mundo frutas de Israel.

(Hamisha Asar, Hamisha Asar, come to visit us, we will sing.

The hostess awaits us with fifteen platters of fruit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord of the universe, fruits of Israel.

Hamisha Asar, Hamisha Asar, come to visit us, we will dance.

The hostess awaits us with baklava and coffee.

Blessed be the name of the Lord of the universe, fruits of Israel.

NOTE: “Hamisha Asar” means “Five and Ten,” or the 15th day of the month of Shevat. It is the day of celebration for trees beginning to bud, sort of the Jewish Arbor Day. Thus the fifteen platters filled with good things: fruit from the trees. The text is Ladino, the historical language of Sephardic Jews from Spain.

*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 #370 “This is My Father’s World”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Wayne Wold

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*

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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

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 with Anna Grace 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 immediately following the service. Be sure to follow the "Ten Foot Rule" and warmly greet new people who are not known to you!

MUSIC

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

SERVICE

Thank you to all of our amazing Rummage Sale volunteers, and to the Church & Community Committee for its leadership!

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orch (Russell Hall, Chapel, 202)
7:00 pm Session (Library)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley Room)
4:00 pm WC Chorus Rehearsal (Chapel; Sanctuary)
7:15 pm AA (Chapel)

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