



“The Bend in the Road” by Paul Cezanne (1900/1906)

Larchmont Avenue Church

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5th Sunday of Easter

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” Arr. Carol Chambers
Larchmont Symphonia

INTROIT “I Am The Way” Douglas Kostner
I am, the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.

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: God of the journey, the road we travel is stony; we often struggle to hold onto hope

All: But, in you, we find new courage, new purpose, and new life.

One: Teach us, Lord, to live as your Easter people with mercy, compassion, and justice

All: Guide us with your light, so that in your presence we might follow your Way with conviction and faith!

One: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #645** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Christ, through your life, death, and resurrection you have shown us the Way, clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it.

We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the path you have charted for us.

Help us, O God. Forgive our lack of faith. Open our ears to your Truth, open our eyes to your Way, 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*)

Faithful God, speak to us and sanctify us through the power of your Word, so that we may glorify you with lives of courage and follow your Way of selfless service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

ANTHEM

“Sweet Dreams of Joy”
Valerie Girardi, soloist

Nicholas Pike

*Soft, softly hear from a whisper so near, slowly stirring sweet muses from night's fall;
Round, round and around, suddenly soaring higher, higher; pleasing sound, sweet air,
be mine.*

*Burning, ever yearning over rhyme, spreading whispers of desire, resisting and pressing
and finding the road to salvation.
Ah, sweet fragrance of joy!*

*Fly, fly so high over time slipping by in a flow of desire reawakened;
Bells suddenly sound, bound to a wild and stirring ride into the halls of dreams to come.
Burning, ever yearning over rhyme, spreading whispers of desire, resisting and pressing
and finding the road to salvation.
Ah, sweet fragrance of joy!*

Sweet dreams of joy! Sweet dreams of joy! Sweet dreams of joy!

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:1-14

SERMON

“How Can We Know the Way?”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #227

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)*

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 #552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #553

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

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 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*) #554

Amen. Amen. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“Little David, Play on Your Harp

Arr. Mark Hayes

Nic Dávila & Roseanne Ackerley, soloists; Debra Whitman, harp

Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu! Hallelu! Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu!

Little David was a shepherd boy. He killed Goliath and shouted for joy.

Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu! Hallelu! Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu!

Joshua was the son of Nun. He never would quit till his work was all done.

Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu! Hallelu! Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu!

*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 #634

“To God Be the Glory”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“What Can Wash Away My Sins”

Arr. Han-Ki Kim

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*

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

FLOWERS

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Confirmation/Faith Statement Exams/Session meets in Carhart today at 9 am.
- Join us for Confirmation/Youth Sunday on 5/17.
- Little ones are welcome in worship, but a nursery for infants & toddlers is also available in Room 114. Ask an usher for

FELLOWSHIP

- Join us for Coffee Hour . Be sure to follow the “Ten Foot Rule” and warmly greet new people who are not known to you!
- SAVE THE DATE. Church Picnic 6/7

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, May 3

9:00am Confirmation Faith Statement Exams/Session (Carhart)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell)

MONDAY, May 4

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

TUESDAY, May 5

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

WEDNESDAY, May 6

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 (Russell)

THURSDAY, May 7

4:00 pm WC Chorus Rehearsal (Chapel; Sanctuary)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, May 9

4:00 pm Midnight Run

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