



Saint James the Greater Catholic Church, (Concord, North Carolina)

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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May 10, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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



**PRELUDE** "Praeludium" Gustav Merkel

**INTROIT** "Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall declare your praise"  
Douglas Kostner  
*Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall declare your praise.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Beloved, do not be surprised by the trials before you.

**All: For God is near to those who suffer and stand firm in faith.**

One: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and cast your anxieties on God.

**All: For God cares for us and strengthens us.**

One: Let us worship the God who restores, establishes, and sustains us.

**\*OPENING HYMN #401** "Here In This Place"

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

**Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. 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*)

**God of Grace, as we hear these words, quiet the voices that distract us and steady our hearts in your presence. Give us humility to trust you, courage to endure, and ears to hear what your Spirit is saying to your church today. Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Romans 5:3-5

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE** "As a Child Rests" Christopher Walker

*As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.  
My God, I am not proud, I do not look for things too great.  
My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.  
O Israel, trust in God, now and always trust in God.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Rev. Bynum

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

**SERMON** "Why Suffering?" Rev. Claunch

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #463 (verse 4)**

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."*

**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** "Can You Count the Stars" Robert Powell

*Can you count the stars that brightly Twinkle in the midnight sky?  
Can you count the clouds, so lightly O'er the meadows floating by?  
God, the Lord, does mark their number, With His eyes that never slumber;  
He has made them every one, He has made them every one.  
Can you count the loving measure Of a mother's heart, and mild,  
Nurturing the wondrous treasure Found in each and every child.  
Like a mother, God enfolds us Gently, in his arms, will hold us,  
And will comfort every one. And will comfort every one.  
Do you know how many children Rise each morning on their way?  
Can you count their happy voices, Singing sweetly on this day?  
God hears all the happy voices, In their merry songs rejoices;  
And He loves them, every one, And He loves them, every one.*

**\*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 #772** "Live Into Hope"

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Claunch

**POSTLUDE** "Truro" Edwin Childs

*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*

## Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



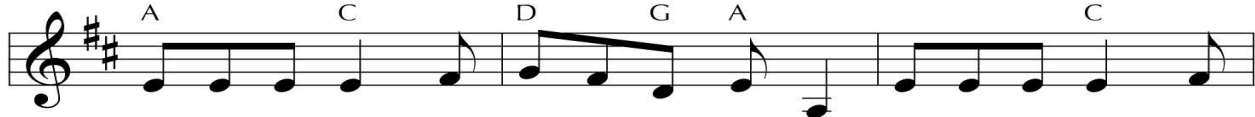
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

# Announcements & Happenings

## PRAYERS

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

## FLOWERS

Today's flowers are in honor of all mothers everywhere.

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 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 directions.

## 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](mailto:dkostner@lacny.org)

## SERVICE

SAVE THE DATE  
Churchwide Volunteer Day at Grassroots Grocery on 6/13. Details to come.

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, May 10

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

### MONDAY, May 11

6:00 pm Larchmont/Mam. Youth Orchestra (Russell Hall, Chapel, Room 202)

### TUESDAY, May 12

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Lindsley)

### WEDNESDAY, May 13

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)  
3:00 pm Preschool Spring Fling (Russell Hall\*)  
7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Committee (Library)  
7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

### THURSDAY, May 14

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

### SATURDAY, May 16

1:00 pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## CONNECT WITH US

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