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YOUTH SUNDAY

May 17, 2026

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



PRELUDE

“Puer Nobis”

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Oleson & Charlie Danckwerth

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Oliver Manice

Thank you for being here to listen

Thank you for coming as you are.

Thank you God for creating us in your image.

Thank you Lord for reminding us that we are enough.

Let us fill our hearts with gratitude and acceptance.

Let us worship the One who teaches love and forgiveness.

***OPENING HYMN #487**

“These Treasured Children”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mia Anderson & Charlie McDonald

Rev. Claunch

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #486 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” (v 1)**

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

***THE PEACE**

Jack Oleson, Alexander Ritz, & Christian Meintjes

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Evan Gray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ben Meintjes

God of every generation, you call us to love one another as you have loved us.

But too often, we fall short of that calling.

We stay quiet when we should speak up.

We hold back kindness, encouragement, and compassion.

We judge others by appearances, mistakes, or differences.

Forgive us for forgetting that every person is made in your image.

Sometimes we doubt ourselves and wonder if we are enough.

Remind us that we are your beloved children.

Sometimes we lose patience, act out of anger, or turn away from those in need.

Teach us to live with grace, courage, and mercy.

God, shape us into a community where all people, young and old, are welcomed, valued, and heard.

Renew our hearts and help us follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Walker Moore

***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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Oliver Manice & Rev. Claunch

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Olivia Gray

Loving God, as we prepare to hear your Word, open our hearts, minds, and spirits to your presence among us. Speak through scripture, through this community, and through the voices of these five seniors who stand before us today. Give them courage, wisdom, and peace as they share the faith that has shaped them, and remind us that your Spirit moves powerfully through every generation. Amen.

SERMON LEADERS

1. Jack Bowerman (*Jeremiah 29:11*)
2. William DeFelice (*John 20:24-29*)
3. Robby Grimes (*James 1:19*)
4. Griffin Moore (*Matthew 12:33-37*)
5. John Sykes (*Joshua 1:7-9*)

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Claunch

INTRODUCTION OF 2026 CONFIRMANDS

Mia Anderson, Grantham Barnes, Grey Harvey,
Charlie McDonald, Ben Meintjes, Ellis O'Connor

CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Charlie McDonald

God is all loving and all forgiving. God is everywhere. God created imperfect people, but God helps us do what's right. Jesus sacrificed himself for us so that we could live better. We should remember that God cares for us and will be with us always.

PRAYER OVER CONFIRMANDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mia & Nigel Anderson

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 glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Grey Harvey

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OFFERTORY “Allegretto moderato from Concerto No. 2”
Cameron Gray, violin

PASSING OF THE PLATES Malena & Paloma Forney, Carter Moed, & James Ryden

***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** Timmy Grimes

***CLOSING HYMN #69** “Here I Am, Lord”

***BENEDICTION** Ellie & Vaughn Bowerman, Jake & Chloe Halliley

POSTLUDE “Sortie” Theodore DuBois

The LAC Youth carefully crafted all of the liturgy written for today’s service.

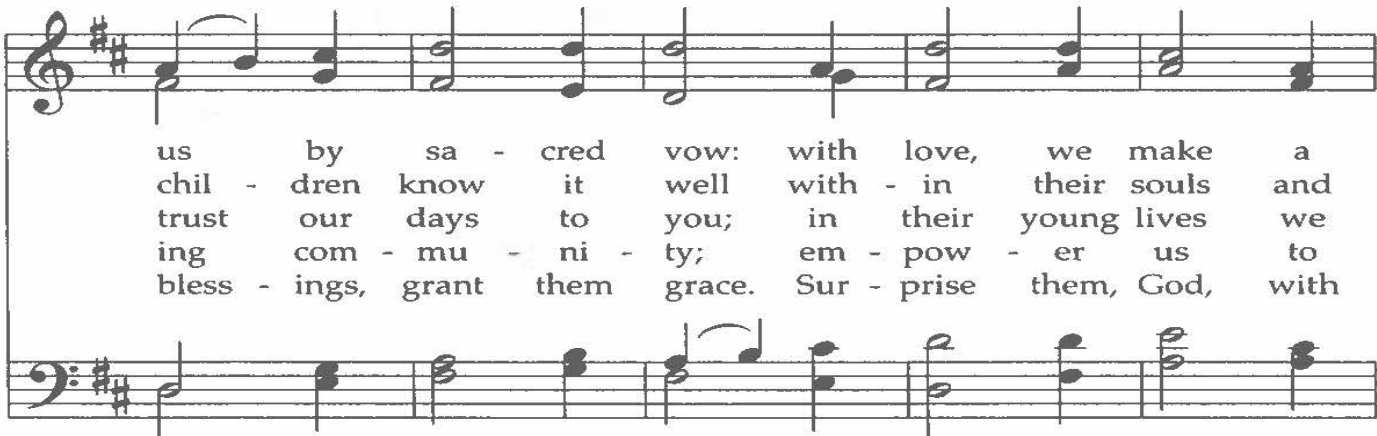
**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

These Treasured Children


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1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with



heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

[Thank you to our youth for leading us in worship today! Be sure to join us after worship for a special coffee hour in honor of our Confirmands!](#)

FELLOWSHIP

June 7th: Annual Summer Picnic
June 21st: High School Senior Celebration

MUSIC

Thank you to 7th grader, Cameron Gray, for leading us in music today!

SERVICE

Save the Date: Churchwide volunteer day at Grassroots Grocery on June 13th. Details to come!

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MAY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Main Office)
5:00 pm 5th-7th Grade Youth (Youth Room)
6:15 pm 8th-12th Grade Youth (Youth Room)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, MAY 18

10:00 am CRC Meeting (Lindsley Room)
7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 am Mamaroneck School Budget Vote (Russell Hall)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

11:00 am Robert Mayo Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm John Sykes V, Scout Court Honor (Sanctuary)

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