



Larchmont Avenue Church

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June 7, 2026

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
Ben Wien, piano

Arr. Ralph Long

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: No matter who you are or what you carry with you today, you are welcome here.

All: We come as we are, welcomed by God's love.

One: In this place, there is grace for all, room for all, and a place for all.

All: With grateful hearts, we gather to worship God together as one body, united in love.

***OPENING HYMN #415** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious and welcoming God, you open your heart to all people, yet we confess that we do not always do the same. Too often we draw lines where you have built bridges. We welcome those who are familiar to us, while overlooking those who seem different. We cling to comfort rather than extending hospitality, and we sometimes fail to see your image in those around us. Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts as you have opened yours. Teach us to receive others with grace, to share your love freely, and to create spaces where all may know they belong. Through Christ, who welcomes us all, we pray. Amen. (*moment of silence*)

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*)

Loving God, open our hearts and minds by your Spirit, that as we hear your Word, we may receive it with joy and be transformed by your grace. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

SERMON

“Mercy Makes Room”

Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

(sung to the tune of hymn #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”) **Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.**

Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.

Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.

Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

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

(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. Claunch

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

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 the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



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OFFERTORY “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Arr. Robert Vandall
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

*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 #418** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE “Bolero from Five Spanish Dances” Moritz Moszkowsky
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

*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.*

CONFESSION

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed,
 2 Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION
 8.7.8.7 with refrain

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em - brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

FLOWERS

Sanctuary flowers this week are donated by Ben Wien and the Wien Family, in honor of Douglas Kostner, the Chancel Choir, Music Ministry, and LAC Congregation, for inspiring all to praise and worship God through music and song. With deepest gratitude, from the Wien Family.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Kids begin in Sunday School today and will join their families later in the service for Communion.
- 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 our Church Picnic today immediately following the worship service!

MUSIC

LAC Chancel Choir. Anyone (HS to adults) is welcome to lend their voices to our choir, no auditions are necessary. Please contact Douglas Kostner (dkostner@lacny.org) for more information.

SERVICE

The LAC Youth Group is volunteering at Grassroots Grocery in the Bronx this Saturday from 9-11 am. Want to join us? Contact agclaunch@lacny.org.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, June 7

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Church Picnic
3:00 pm Musical Life Foundation Children's Concert (Sanctuary, Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, June 9

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Lindsley)

WEDNESDAY, June 10

9:00 am Preschool Graduation
(Sanctuary, Russell Hall, Lindsley)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, June 11

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, June 13

9:00 am Grassroots Grocery Service Project (Bronx)
1:00 pm Larchmont Music Academy Recital (Sanctuary)

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