



“Study of a Flying Sparrow” Giovanni da Udine (circa 1515)

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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## June 21, 2026

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

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



**PRELUDE** “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Arr. Charles Callahan

**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** (*from Philippians 4*)

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**All: Let us say it again: Rejoice!**

One: Let us not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,

with thanksgiving, present our requests to God,

**All: and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

One: Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

**All: And the God of peace will be with us!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #246** “Christ is Alive!” (*verses 1, 4, and 5*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*) Rev. Bynum

**Christ our Teacher and Friend, you have taught us the way we should go, but we often veer from the path. You have shared wisdom with us, but we choose foolishness instead. You have shown us the light, but we live like we prefer the darkness.**

**In your mercy, heal our hearts and cleanse our spirits. Bind up the wounds we have caused. And please do not lose faith in us as your students... (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.***

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION** Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Christ our Teacher, as we open your holy Word this morning, we pray that the lessons it teaches will guide our steps, inform our service, and deepen our love for you and for our neighbors. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 6:1-12

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Rev. Claunch

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 10:24-31

SERMON

“Lifelong Learners”

Rev. Bynum

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #661 (verse 2)**

*“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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)**

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

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

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through Realm at <https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/-/form/give/now>.  
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**OFFERTORY**

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Robin Hruska & Douglas Kostner, piano

**\*DOXOLOGY -- #609**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #816** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

**POSTLUDE**

“This Little Light of Mine”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Robin Hruska & 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*

# 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 donated by the Walker family in celebration of Bill and Janet Walker's 65th wedding anniversary.

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



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Little ones are welcome in worship, but a nursery for infants & toddlers is also available in Room 114. Ask an usher for directions.
- Our Sunday School program has ended for the year and will kick off again in September. We have activity bags available in the back.

## 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!

## 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)

## FOLLOW REV. BYNUM IN SCOTLAND

Check for regular updates on LAC's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lacnyconnect>

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
10:20 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley)  
2:30 pm Sanae Miyazaki Recital (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

6:00 am Westch. County Board of Elections (Russell Hall)  
6:00 pm Fairway Condos Meeting (Carhart)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 24

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

## CONNECT WITH US

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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletin. Thank you!

## Christ Is Alive! (Verses 1, 4, 5) 246

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In - ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

# Senior Sunday 2026



## *Celebrating Our High School Graduates*



**Jack Bowerman** is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and will be attending Northwestern University.



**William DeFelice** is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and will be attending the College of William & Mary.



**Robby Grimes** is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and will be attending the University of Notre Dame.



**Griffin Moore** is a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and will be attending the University of Notre Dame.



**John Sykes** is a graduate of Rye Neck High School and will spend a gap year traveling to South America to study Spanish, Madagascar to do conservation work, and then end his travels in Antarctica! He will attend Davidson College next fall.