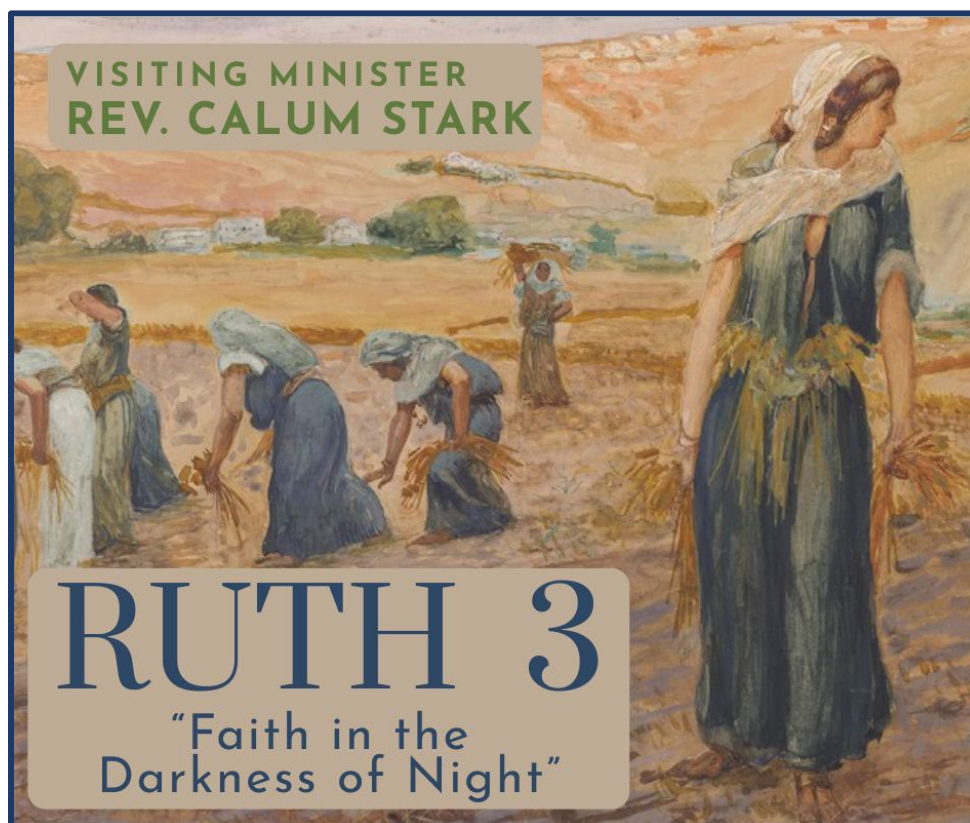




Larchmont Avenue Church

60 Forest Park Avenue
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July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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



PRELUDE

“Abide With Me ”
Jordan Piper, piano

William Henry Monk

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: The story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz is one of love, loyalty, and responsibility.

All: As we gather together as the body of Christ, let us receive God’s love, renew our loyalty, and accept responsibility for our families, loved ones, and neighbors.

One: Come, let us worship the God who gathers us together.

***OPENING HYMN #306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Claunch

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.

Even as you know us, we ask you to forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you. 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)*

Holy One, guide us by the Spirit to hear your Word today, so that we might walk in your Way, abide in your Truth, and share in the Life you have opened to us. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ruth 3:1-9

CHLDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

SECOND READING

Ruth 3:10-18

SERMON

“Faith in the Darkness of Night”

Rev. Calum Stark

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #65 (verse 1)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

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; 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 offered electronically by scanning the QR code to the right or through Realm at <https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/-/form/give/now>. Thank you for your support!



OFFERTORY

“Come Sunday”
Jordan Piper, piano

Duke Ellington

*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Stark

POSTLUDE

“Down by the Riverside”
Jordan Piper, piano

Spiritual

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

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 Returns this Fall -- Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed; all are welcome

FOLLOW REV. BYNUM IN SCOTLAND

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

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JULY 19

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:00 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

11:15 am Trustee/Session joint subcommittee meeting (Library)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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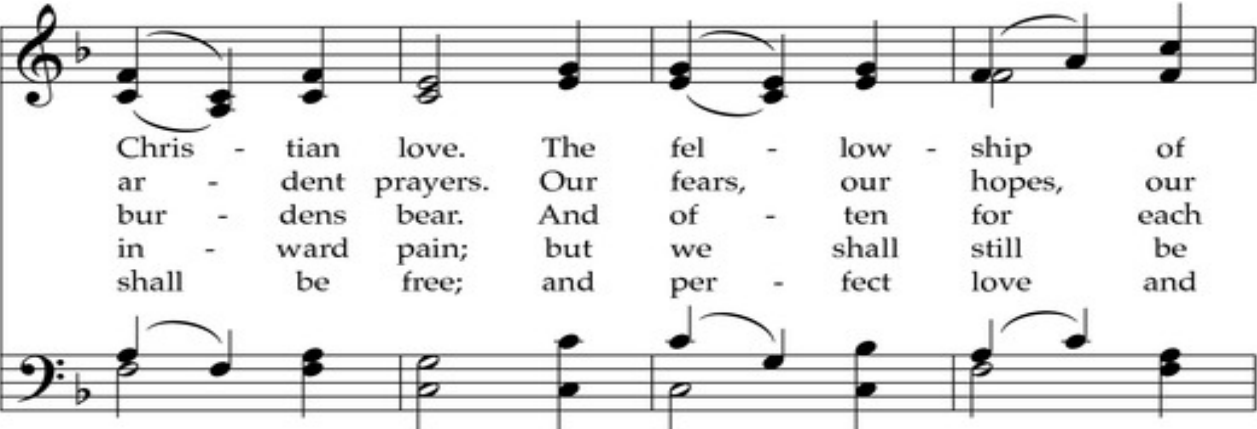
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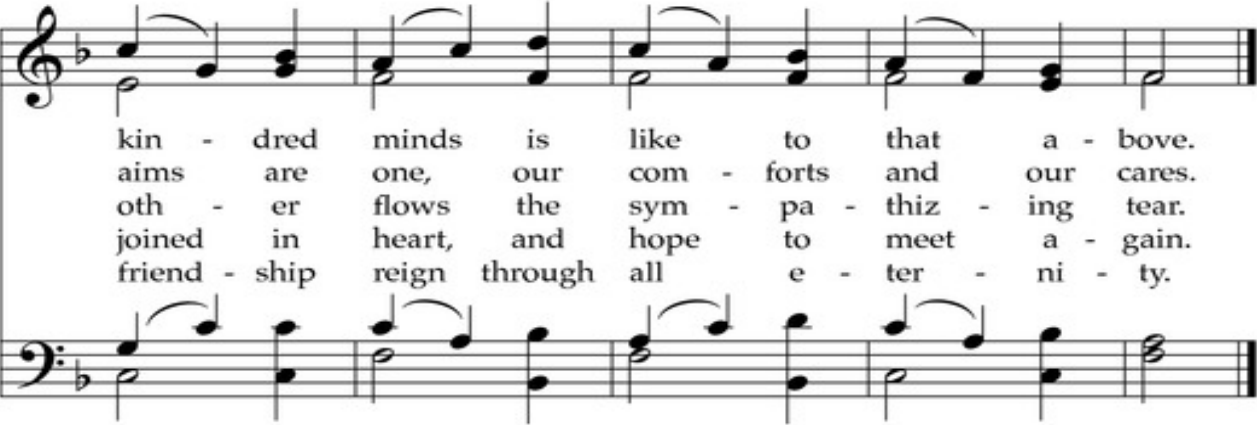
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.