



"Tangled Blessing," from A Sanctified Art

Larchmont Avenue Church

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August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Dunlap’s Creek”

Arr. Anthony Giamanco

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: Come, all who arrive carrying questions.

All: Come, all who are wrestling with what we cannot yet understand.

One: Come, all who are weary, hopeful, afraid, or uncertain.

All: God meets us in the struggle and stays with us through the night.

One: So let us come before God as we are, trusting that in our wrestling, we are never alone.

All: Let us worship the God who meets us on the journey.

***OPENING HYMN #817**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Gracious God, we confess that we often resist you. We cling tightly to our fears, our pride, and our need for control. We struggle to trust that you are with us, especially when the way forward is uncertain. Forgive us for the ways we have held ourselves back from your love and for the ways we have failed to extend that love to others. Meet us in our struggles and soften our hearts. Give us the courage to let go, to trust, and to be changed by your grace. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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)*

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to your Word. Give us ears to hear, courage to wrestle, and wisdom to recognize your presence among us. Speak to us, and transform us by your grace. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-5

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON

“Limping ”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #793 (verses 1 & 2)

*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.*

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.*

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

(Choir and 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

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/form/give/now](https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/-/form/give/now). Thank you for your support!*



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OFFERTORY

“Art Thou Weary?”

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

***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 #543** “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

Léon Boëllmann

*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 & Happening

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 always 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. Be sure to also check out our “prayground” in the back of the sanctuary by the elevator!

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!
- We are looking for volunteers to provide light, simple snacks for Coffee Hour. Healthy options are always welcome! If you can help, please talk to Anne Moriarty or email the church office at broodal@lacny.org.

MUSIC

Chancel Choir Returns this Fall -- Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.
No auditions needed; all are welcome
(HS to adults). Contact: dkostner@lacny.org

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

11:00 am Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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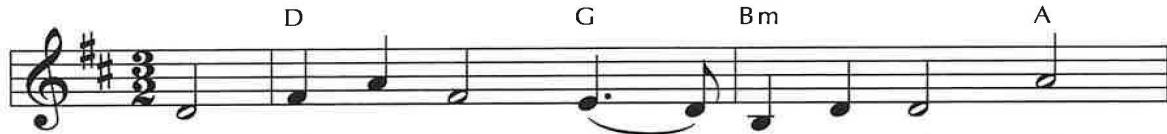
Update your Realm, today. Use the pew card & drop into the offering or at the back of the church or scan the QR code. Problems? contact broodal@lacny.org.

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



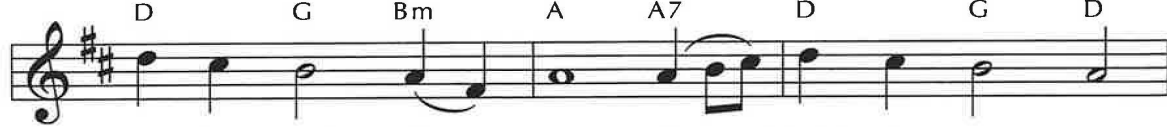
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

D G Bm A



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

D G Bm A A7 D G D



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

Bm G F#m A D



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

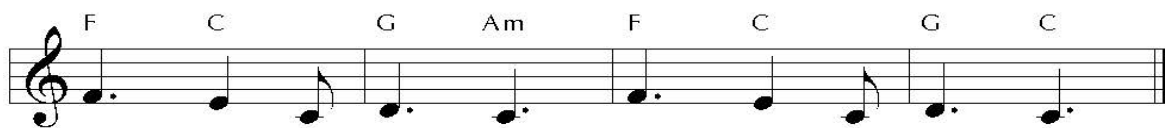
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.