



Larchmont Avenue Church

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August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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



PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord”
Cameron Grey, violin

Arr. Joshua Evanovich

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: In times of crisis, when we feared that all might be lost,

All: if the Lord had not been on our side, where would we be?

One: In times of weakness, when we could not save ourselves,

All: if the Lord had not been on our side, where would we be?

One: In times of blindness, when we could not see the road ahead,

All: if the Lord had not been on our side, where would we be?

One: People of God, from whence does our help come?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*OPENING HYMN #403 *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble.

We fear this world. We fear losing our status and stability more than we fear you.

Forgive our shortcomings, Lord, and teach us to trust in you. Remind us that you are always on our side -- always working to rescue us, restore us, and redeem us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA

Paul M. Vasile

*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)*

Rebecca Reisman

***O Lord, as your Word is read and proclaimed, we ask you to clear our minds and spirits,
so that we might hear the wisdom you have for us today. Amen.***

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21: 5-7, 29-36

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 124

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #748

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

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!*

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OFFERTORY

“O Waly Waly”
Nashanique McLean, clarinet

Arr. Daniel Kallman

*DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 #702

“Christ, Be Beside Me”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Bunessan”
Rich Williams, trombone

Arr. Brant Adams

*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*

Today’s musical guests are Cameron Grey on violin, Rich Williams on trombone and **Nashanique McLean** on clarinet. **Nashanique** is a high school student from New Rochelle.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line at (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 will kick off again on Sept. 13th.** Today, we have activity bags available in the back of the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP

- Please join us in Russell Hall for Coffee Hour following the service. Try your best 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 contact the Deacons.

MUSIC

Chancel Choir – Rehearsals resume in September -- Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed; all are welcome (HS to adults).

Contact: dkostner@lacny.org

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

1:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

11:00 Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

Christ Be Beside Me

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C Am Dm G Dm G C



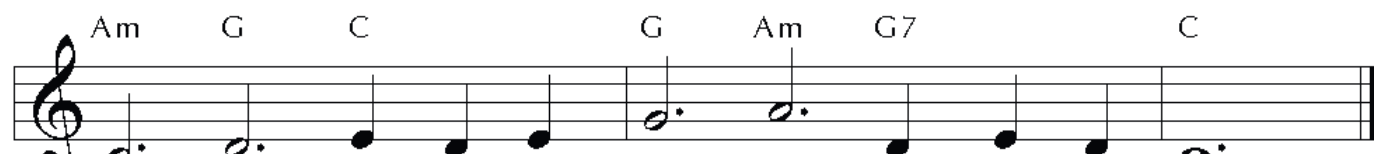
1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

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