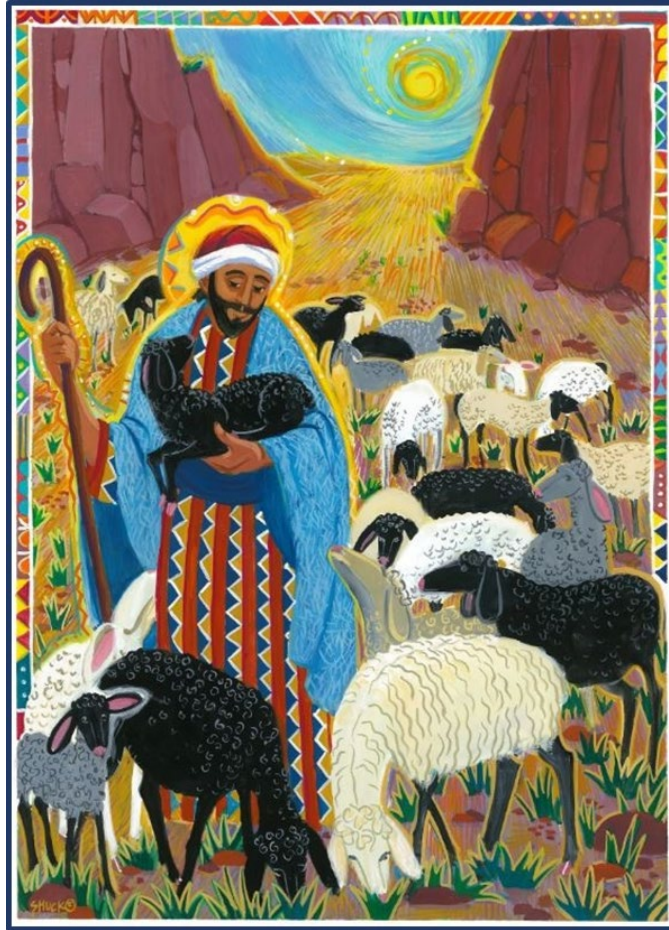




Larchmont Avenue Church

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September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”
Jordan Piper, piano

Arr. Jordan Piper

INTROIT

“Let Us Raise a Joyful Shout”
Let us raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our salvation!

Douglas Kostner

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: Spirit of mercy, we have come to your house and gathered with your people so that we might be refreshed by the fountain of your life.

All: Help us to drink deeply of your grace, your love, your hope, and your peace.

One: Though we are often critical of others and of ourselves, help us to accept that we are accepted.

All: Meet us here in ways that we can understand, so that we may know that, in life and in death, we belong to you.

***OPENING HYMN #436** *“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to offer help to others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to be so generous with others.

Forgive us, mighty God. Help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have so generously shown to us... [time for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI #582**

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)*

Dale Anderson-Kelly

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. As we read your Word today, sanctify us by your wisdom and your Spirit, so that we may glorify you with lives of faith, love, and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 14:7-12

SERMON

“In Life and In Death”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #821 (verses 3 and 4)

*What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

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)

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OFFERTORY

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

*God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*

*Surely your goodness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.*

***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 #435**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Jordan Piper, piano

Arr. Jordan Piper

*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 guest organist is Jordan Piper, who is a music teacher at Hommocks School.

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!
Children are invited to meet in the Carhart Room following the Children's Message.
- Little ones are welcome in worship, but a nursery for infants & toddlers is also available in Room 114. Ask an usher for directions.
- Youth Group kicks off Wed, Sept. 16
- Men's Bible Study – Thurs. Sept. 17

FELLOWSHIP

- Join us for the **WELCOME BACK BLOCK PARTY TODAY** following the service.
- Volunteers are needed to provide light snacks for Coffee Hour. Healthy options are welcome! Please contact the Deacons.
- Blessing of the Animals – Sun. Oct. 4 @ 2pm
- Family Game Night – Fri. Oct. 16 @ 6pm

MUSIC

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. No auditions needed; all are welcome (HS to adults).
Symphonia – Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM, Meets in the Chapel. Contact: dkostner@lacny.org

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Block Party (Forest Ave.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orch.(Russell)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group (5th-7th Gr. -Youth Rm)
6:15 pm Youth Group (8th-12th Gr. -Youth Rm)
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Russell)
7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:00 am Woman's Club of Larchmont
(Carhart)

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God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

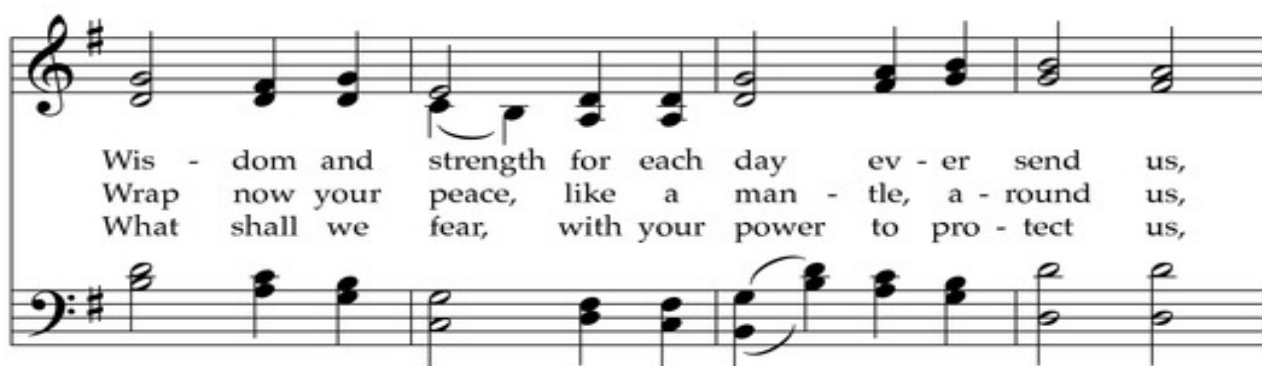
Befriend Us



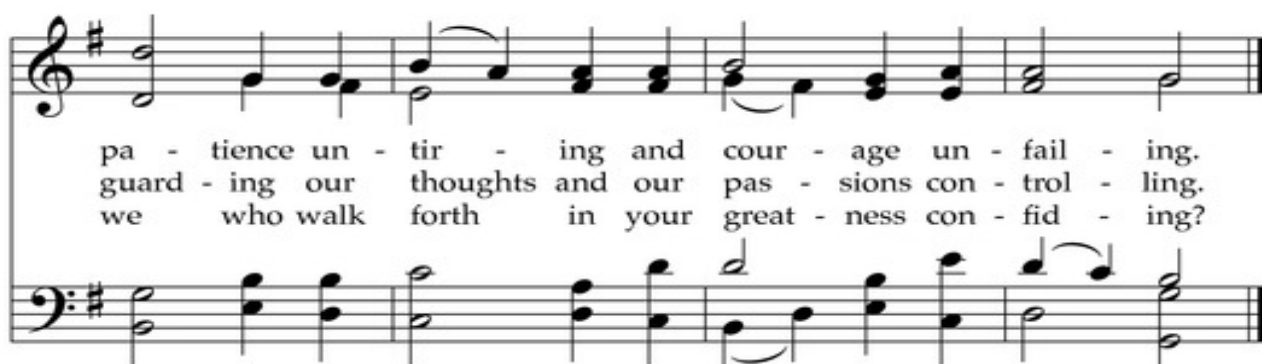
1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,



giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?



Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,



pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.