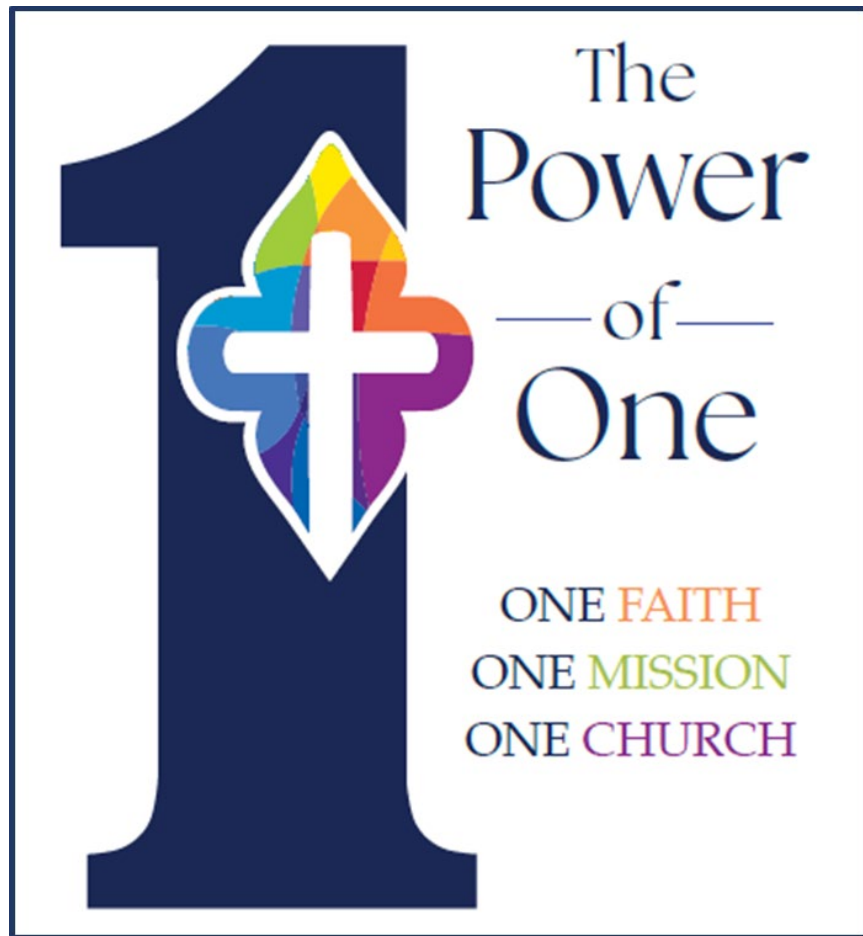




Larchmont Avenue Church

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September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost

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



PRELUDE

“Lento”

Frank Bridge

INTROIT

“I Will Lift You Up High”

Douglas Kostner

I will lift you up high, my God, my true King. I will bless your name forever and always.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION

“The Power of One” Anthony Manson and Bill Oleson

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are called to lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

All: but we cannot do this alone. This journey can only be completed together.

One: God has given each of us gifts, equipping us as saints for the work of ministry.

All: Working together, sharing the load, and speaking the truth in love, we strive for unity as we build up the body of Christ.

One: There is one body, one Spirit, and one hope of our calling...

All: ...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all!

One: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #306** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Merciful God, in one voice we speak together to confess our sin and the sin of your church. Christ is among us as our peace, but we as your people remain divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. You call us to be one in spirit, faith, and hope, but your world feels hopelessly fractured.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Heal us, forgive us, and strengthen the ties that bind us together, so that the prayer of Jesus may be truly answered in us, and that we may be one. Amen *[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)*

Barbara Flickinger

Faithful God, as the scriptures are read and proclaimed this morning, help us to hear what You are teaching and follow where You are leading -- not for our glory, but for Yours alone. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1,10-11,17-23

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Bynum

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

SERMON

“The Power of One”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #716 (verse 2)

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.*

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

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!*

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OFFERTORY

“Be My Church”

David Lantz

Rejoice with the rejoicing, and weep with those who mourn.

Be patient and forgiving; repair what has been torn.

Remember the forgotten; invite the stranger in.

Serve each other faithfully until I come again.

Love as I have loved you. Serve as I have served.

Give as I have given. Be my church.

Be my hands and body moving in the world.

Live your life in blessing. Be my church.

*The outcast, the beloved; the powerful, the weak;
The ones caught up in battle and those who sleep in peace;
The thriving and the struggling; the greatest to the least;
My child, they are my children, so love each one of these.*

***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 #761** *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Carillon”

Théodore Dubois

*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 at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Peg Mayo in memory of her beloved son Michael Scott Mayo. May he be held tightly in Jesus' arms.

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: *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.
- Sunday School and Youth Group are underway. Contact agclaunch@lacny.org
- Women's Bible Study – Tues. Oct. 6

FELLOWSHIP

- Volunteers are needed to provide light snacks for Coffee Hour. Healthy options are welcome! Please contact Anne Moriarity, nmmrrt@gmail.com.
- 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 27

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Family Brunch (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 pm Session (Library)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)
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 Hall)
7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Carhart)

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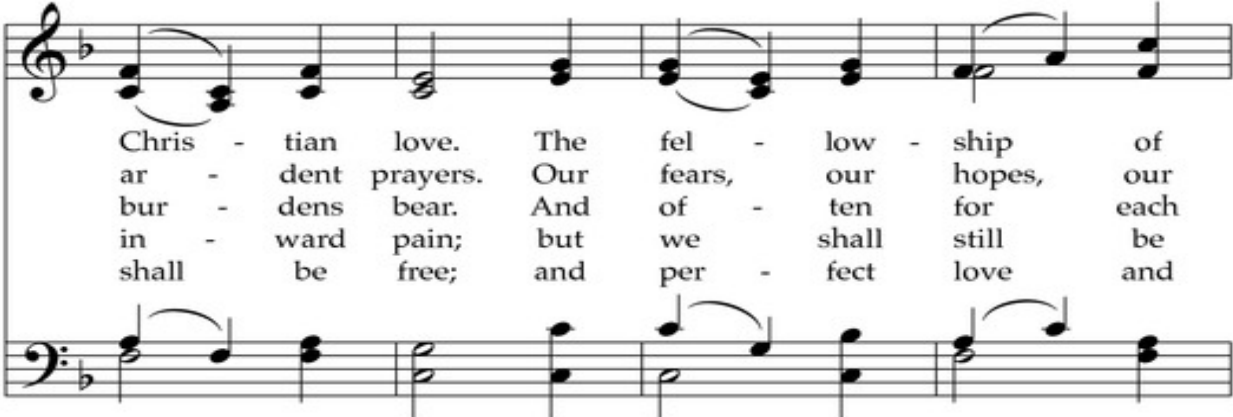
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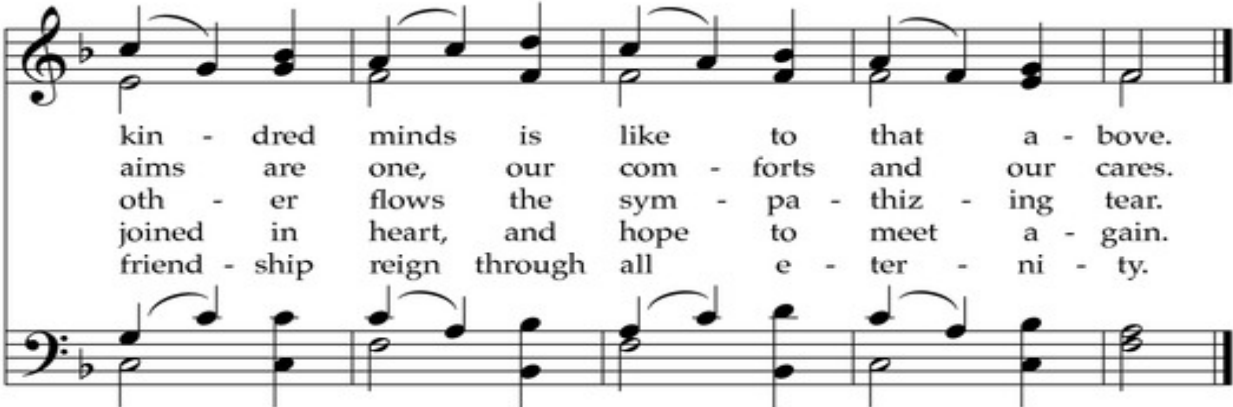
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



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.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.