



Larchmont Avenue Church

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October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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



PRELUDE

“Open My Eyes”
Robin Hruska and Douglas Kostner, piano

Larry Shackley

INTROIT

“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”

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*I have climbed highest mountains, I have run through the fields, only to be with you.
You broke the bonds, and you loosed the chains, carried the cross of my shame; you know I believe it.
But I still haven’t found what I’m looking for.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

One: Welcome to all who have come in search of something... even if the path ahead of you is unclear... even if you do not know exactly what you are looking for.

All: We have come to seek the living God!

One: Yes, that is who we seek and what we seek, but our vision is clouded. We admit, Lord, that at times we lose touch with your presence and we cannot see the way ahead.

All: Happy are those who find the narrow gate and follow the path of Christ!

One: Guide us to that path, O Lord. Help us to trust that you will show us the Way.

All: In faith, in trust, and with hope, let us worship God!

*THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* (from Thomas Merton’s *Thoughts in Solitude*)

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

[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)*

Wes Huang

Holy God, as we hear your story and ponder your Word, we ask you to open our hearts, minds, and spirits so that we might receive the wisdom you want us to hear and to hold. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 11:1-13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 3:1-6

SERMON "Blind Summit"

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN "Day by Day" Steven Schwartz

Choir singing: *Day by day, day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day. (Repeat)*

All singing: *Day by day, day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day. (Repeat)*

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to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
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to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,*

Choir singing: *Follow thee more nearly, day by day, day by day by day by day by day.*

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

"Trust in the Lord"

Claude Bass

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.*

Rejoice in the Lord always. Let your gentleness be known to all.

The Lord is near. Be fearful for nothing.

*And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

***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 #649** *“Amazing Grace”*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE *“Sortie”*

Marcel Dupré

*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

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Due to the holiday weekend, there is no Sunday School today. See you next week!

- 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.

FELLOWSHIP

- Volunteers are needed to provide light snacks for Coffee Hour. Healthy options are welcome! Please contact Anne Moriarity, nnrrt@gmail.com.
- Family Game Night – Fri. Oct.16 @ 6pm
- SEEKERS Sun. 10/18 @ 11:30am
Steve Wulf, “The Healing Power of Sports”

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@lacnychurch.org
Larchmont Symphonia in worship 10/18, 11/15



Stewardship Appeal 2027

Goals:

10%↑ in gifts
110 total pledges

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PRIOR DONORS

Commitments to date:

\$117,054

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NEW DONORS

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INCREASED GIFTS

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THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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)

7:00 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee (Library)

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Russell Hall)

7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

7:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Carhart)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00 pm Family Game Night (Russell Hall)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:00 pm Midnight Run – LAC Youth

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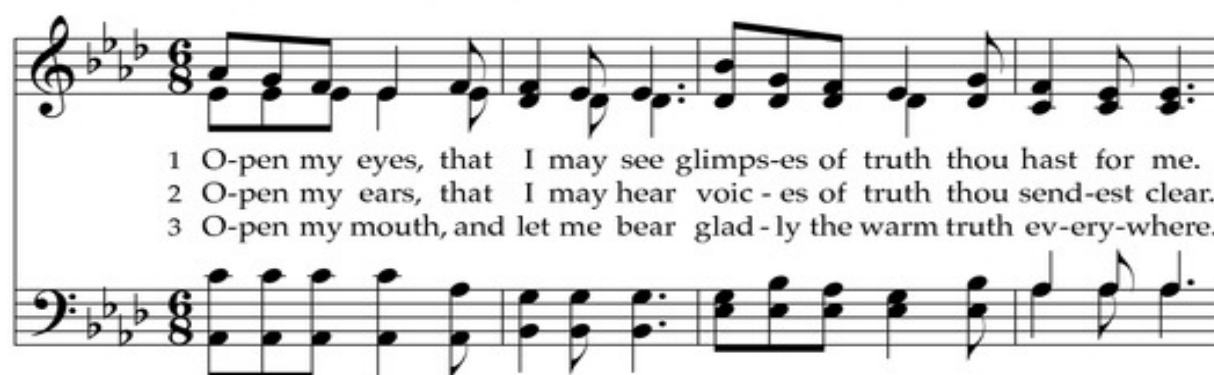
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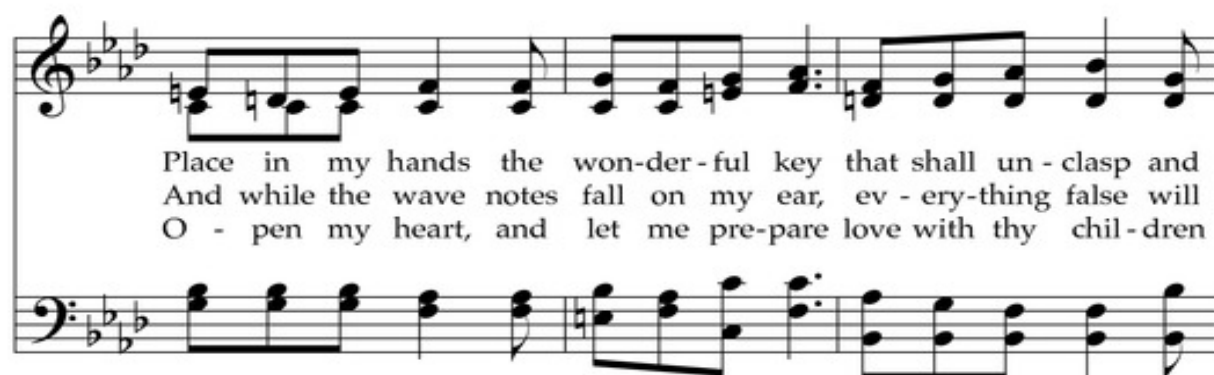
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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletin. Thank you!



Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshíítinígíí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.