



*Roman coin of Caesar Augustus, 1<sup>st</sup> century*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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## October 18, 2026

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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



## PRELUDE

*“Kelvingrove”*  
Nicole Sharlow, violin

Arr. Charles Callahan

## INTROIT

*“Treasures in Heaven”*

Douglas Kostner

*Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.  
For where your treasure is, there shall be your heart.*

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

## \*THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Stewardship – “The Power of One” Becky Gray

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this place,

**All: friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary are welcomed.**

One: In this moment,

**All: the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause. This is God’s time.**

One: In this sanctuary,

**All: God’s goodness is revealed, our doors open with kindness, and our lives join together.**

**In hope and in faith, let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #726** *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* (Choir only, verses 3 and 4)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on a long list of other priorities.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Open our hearts and increase our generosity, so that we might give freely, with reverence and gratitude, giving thanks for the many, many gifts you have given us... (time for silent prayer)**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## \*GLORIA PATRI #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)*

The Gray Family

**Sovereign God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, let it take root in our hearts. In these sacred moments, let us give you what is deserved: our attention, our reverence, and our commitment to seek your will for our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 99:1-5

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION** Rev. Claunch

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 22:15-22

**SERMON** "A Simple Answer" Rev. Bynum

**ANTHEM** "Nur jedem das Seine" Johann Sebastian Bach  
Nic Dávila, soloist

*Nur jedem das Seine!  
Muss Obrigkeit haben Zoll, Steuern und Gaben,  
Man weigre sich nicht der schuldigen Pflicht!  
Doch bleibt das Herze dem Höchsten alleine.  
Nur jedem das Seine!*

*To each what is theirs!  
If sovereignty must have Toll, taxes, and gifts,  
One may not refuse the obligation owed!  
But the heart remains to the Most High alone.  
To each what is theirs!*

**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.***

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*Financial gifts may be offered electronically by scanning the QR code to the right or through Realm at*

**<https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/-/form/give/now>**

*Thank you for your support!*

Rev. Claunch



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## OFFERTORY

*“Lass mein Herz die Münze sein”* Johann Sebastian Bach  
Kreshnik Zhabjaku, soloist

*Lass mein Herz die Münze sein, die ich dir, mein Jesu, steure!  
Ist sie gleich nicht allzu rein, ach! so komm doch und erneure,  
Herr, den schönen Glanz bei ihr!  
Komm! arbeite, schmelz und präge,  
Dass dein Ebenbild bei mir  
Ganz erneuert glänzen möge!*

*Let my heart be the coin that I render unto you, my Jesus.  
If it is not altogether pristine, ah, do come then and renew,  
Lord, the beautiful radiance to it.  
Come; work, melt, and emboss it,  
So that your very image  
May radiate in me entirely renewed!*

*(Choir:) Führe auch mein Herz und Sinn  
Durch deinen Geist dahin,  
Dass ich möge alles meiden,  
Was mich und dich kann scheiden,  
Und ich an deinem Leibe  
Ein Gliedmass ewig bleibe.*

*(Choir:) Also lead my heart and mind,  
By your spirit, to your kingdom,  
So that I may shun everything  
That can separate me and you,  
And that I may remain a limb  
On your body eternally.*

## \*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 #644 *“Give Thanks, O Christian People”*

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

## POSTLUDE

*“Kingsfold”*  
Larchmont Symphonia

Arr. Marshal McDonald

*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.
- OPEN SANCTUARY -- 11/3.

## FLOWERS

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



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School today in Carhart!

- 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](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org).

## FELLOWSHIP

- Volunteers are needed to provide light snacks for Coffee Hour. Contact Anne Moriarity, [nmrtr@gmail.com](mailto:nmrtr@gmail.com).
- TODAY! SEEKERS @ 11:30am  
Steve Wulf, "The Healing Power of Sports"
- DEDICATION SUNDAY 11/15
- BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY 11/22

## MUSIC

- Come make joyful music with LAC this coming Advent/Christmas season! Learn more about the **HANDBELL CHOIR!** All are welcome: grades 6 through adults; seasoned or beginner musicians! *Rehearsals begin Nov. 1.* [dkostner@lacny.org](mailto:dkostner@lacny.org)

Larchmont Symphonia in worship 11/15



## Stewardship Appeal 2027



ONE FAITH. ONE MISSION. ONE CHURCH



## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)  
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley)  
11:00 am Confirmation Class (Carhart)  
11:30 am SEEKERS (Russell Hall)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:00 pm LMYO  
7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley Room)  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Russell Hall)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Carhart)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

2:00 pm Larchmont's Ragamuffin Parade

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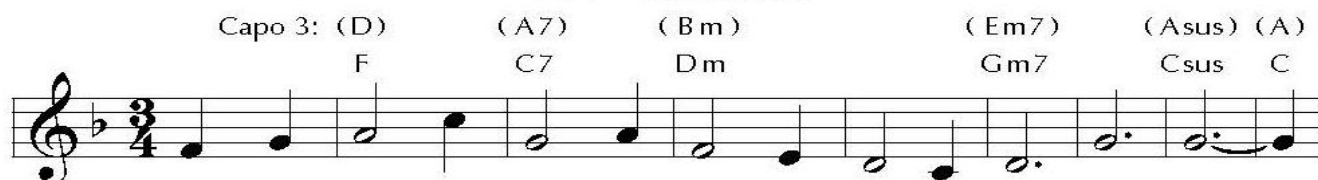
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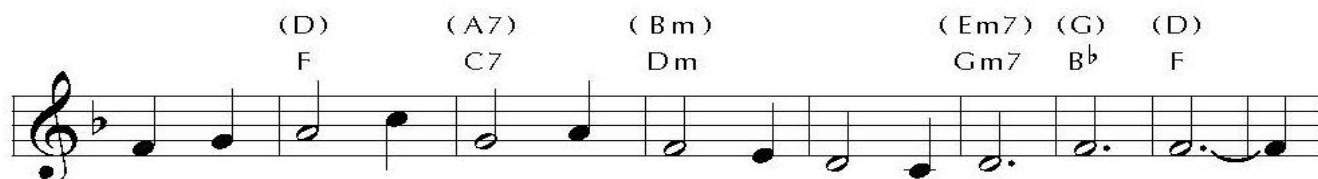
## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

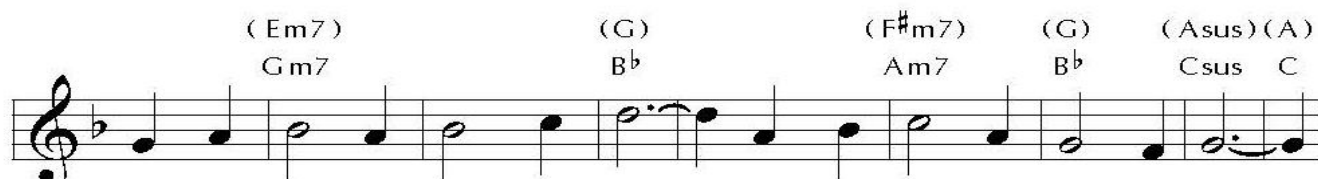


1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

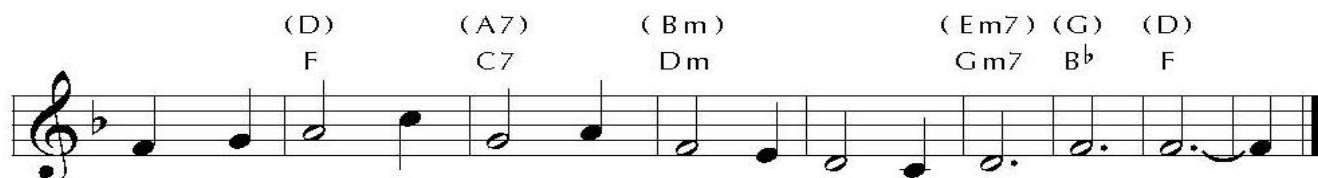
Choir only



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

# Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day  
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years  
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,  
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way  
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap-pears,  
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:  
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,  
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal-tering feet,  
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,  
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.  
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.  
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.  
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.