



Larchmont Avenue Church

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October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE "Offertoire" Cécile Chaminade

INTROIT "I Am the Bread of Life" Douglas Kostner
I am the bread of life; the one who comes to me shall never hunger.

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: From every place and every people, God gathers us together.

All: Once we were strangers, but in Christ we have been brought near and the walls have been torn down.

One: At the table there are no outsiders, no strangers, and no one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

All: We are members of God's household, joined together in Christ.

One: Come, people of God and worship the One who makes us one.

***OPENING HYMN #770** "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Gracious God, you gather all people to your table, yet we confess that we are quick to build walls between ourselves and others. We divide the world into "us" and "them," hold tightly to our differences, and forget that we all belong to you. Forgive us when we exclude those you welcome, when we choose division over understanding, and when we fail to see your image in one another. Break down the walls within us, and teach us to live as one family in Christ...(moment of silence)

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*) Patty Towle

Gracious God, as we hear your Word, open our hearts to your vision of a world made whole. Break down the walls that divide us, draw us closer to one another, and remind us that in you, we all belong.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

SERMON "A Table Without Walls" Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2:13-22

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #506 (verses 1 and 4)

<i>¹ Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. there is room for everyone.</i>	<i>⁴ Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it— truth and manna from above!— and then passes wine that awakens in your heart the taste of love.</i>
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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever

proclaim the glory of your name...

SANCTUS #552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION #553

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" Jacques Berthier
(Choir and congregation singing.)

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and choir singing) #554

Amen. Amen. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“Ukuthula”

Arr. André van der Merwe

*Ukuthula! Kulomhlabawezono,
Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez’: ukuthula!*

Isindiso...

Ukubonga...

Ukungoba...

Induduzo...

(We find peace! In this sinful world, Through the blood of Jesus: we find peace!

We are saved...

We are filled with gratitude...

We will conquer...

We are consoled...)

*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 #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Arr. Robert Vandall

Robin Hruska and Douglas Kostner, piano

*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

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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 at nmmrrt@gmail.com
- Blessing of the Animals – Today at 2pm
- 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@lacny.org

Larchmont Symphonia in worship 10/18, 11/15

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Personnel Committee (Library)
11:00 am Worship Committee Meeting (Carhart)
2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00 pm LMYO (Russell & Chapel)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Carhart)

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770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al-le-lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al-le-lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al-le-lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al-le-lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

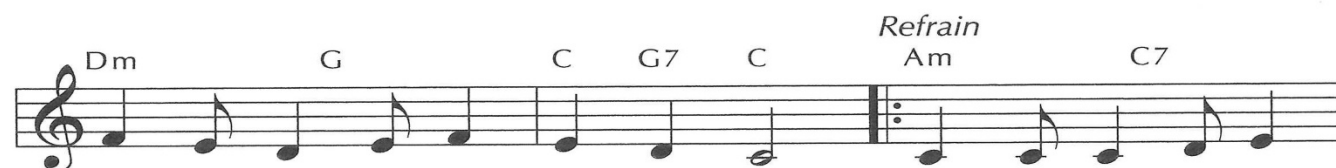
526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.