

Larchmont Avenue Church

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November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE "Balm in Gilead" Arr. Stephen DeCesare
Lydia Leizman, viola

INTROIT "I Waited Patiently" Douglas Kostner
I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

MOMENT FOR MISSION Midnight Run Grantham Barnes & Jim Hanley

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
One: We gather today with grateful hearts, trusting in God's presence among us.
All: In every season of life, God is with us.
One: When the future feels uncertain, God offers us hope.
All: When the burdens of life feel heavy, God offers us peace.
One: Come, let us worship the God whose love never fails.
All: Let us worship God with faith, hope, and gratitude.

***OPENING HYMN #22** *"God of the Sparrow"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* Rev. Claunch
Merciful God, we confess that we do not always live as people of hope. We become discouraged by the troubles of the world and overwhelmed by the challenges in our own lives. We struggle to find the right words when others are hurting, and sometimes we turn away from suffering because we do not know what to do. Forgive us for the times we have failed to offer compassion, extend kindness, or make room for another's pain. Remind us that we do not have to have all the answers to be faithful. Help us to be present with one another, to share in each other's burdens, and to trust in the love that holds us all…

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA (#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)* Adriana Souza
Loving God, open our hearts and minds to your Word. Help us to hear your promises of hope, find comfort in your presence, and trust in your love through every season of life. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON "Grief and the Hope We Hold" Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #792 *(verses 1 and 2)*

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [Refrain]

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 554 *(choir and congregation singing)*

Amen, amen, amen!

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rev. Claunch

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OFFERTORY "How Long, O Lord?" Douglas Kostner
Lydia Leizman, viola

How long will you forget me, Lord?
How long will you hide your face from me?

How long will I be left to my own wits, agony filling my heart?
How long will my enemy keep defeating me?

Look at me! Answer me, Lord my God! Restore sight to my eyes!
Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death; my foes will rejoice over my downfall.

But I have trusted in your faithful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
Yes, I will sing to the Lord because he has been good to me.

***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 #741** *"Guide My Feet"*

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE "L'agréable" Marin Marais
Lydia Leizman, viola

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

Today's flowers are a gift from the deacons in honor of all members of our armed forces in observance of Veterans' Day on Nov. 11th.

Scan this QR code to sponsor flowers for an upcoming Sunday

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School today!

- A **nursery** for infants & toddlers is available in Room 114. Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

- DEDICATION SUNDAY 11/15
- BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY 11/22 & FAMILY BRUNCH.

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! *dkostner@lacny.org*

Larchmont Symphonia in worship 11/15

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Goals: 10%↑ in gifts, 110 total pledges

Commitments to date: $413,804

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THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:00 am Coffee Hour (Lindsley)
11:30 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Room 201)
4:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
(Trinity Church- 2111 Boston Post Rd.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
4:00 pm LMYO (Russell Hall)
7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:00 pm Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
OFFICE CLOSED – VETERAN'S DAY
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, NOVEMBER 12
8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
3:00 pm Preschool Fall Event (Russell Hall)
4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Carhart)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
4:00 pm Session Mini Retreat (Carhart)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:00 am Woman's Club Food Drive(Forest Ave.,)
4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)
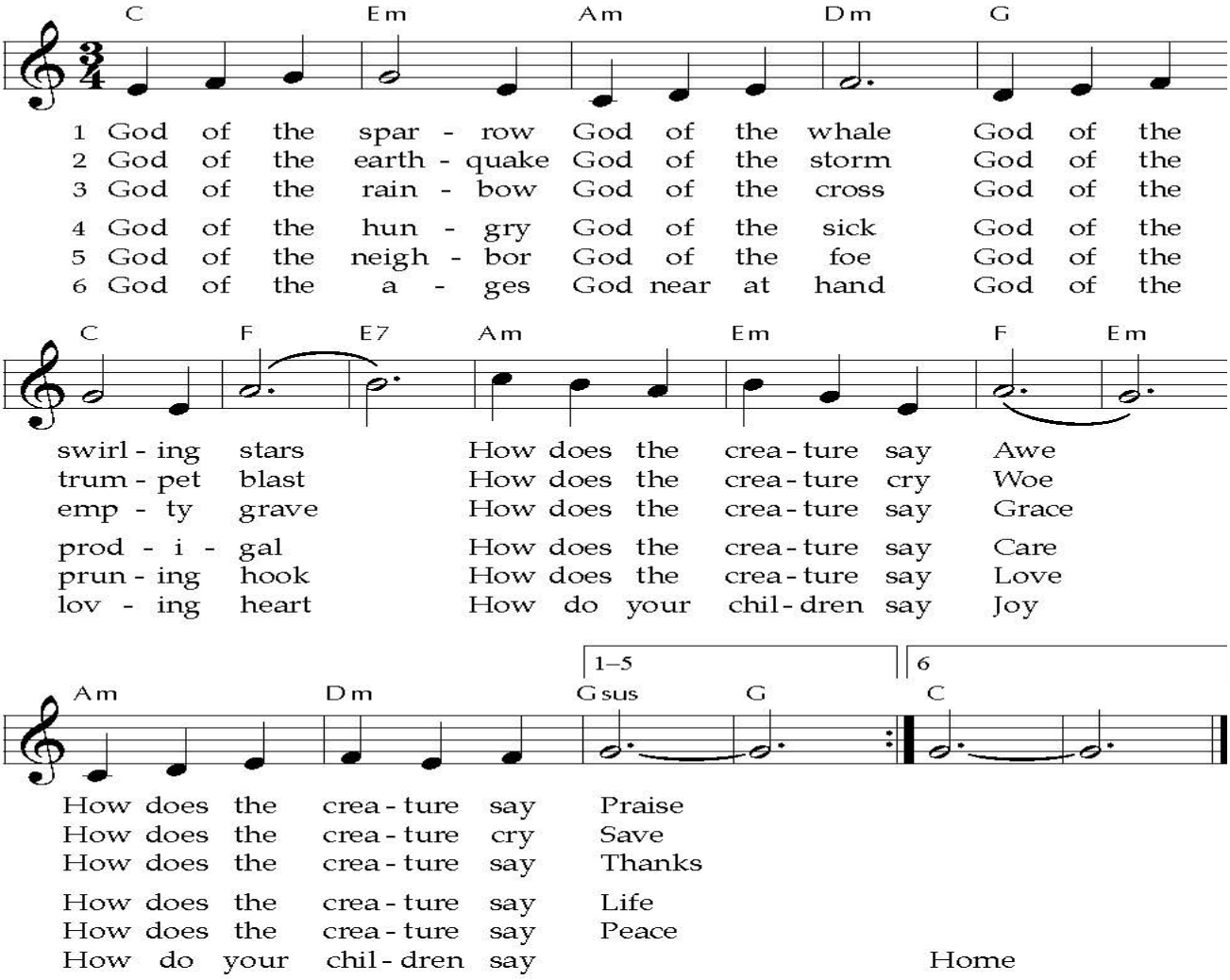
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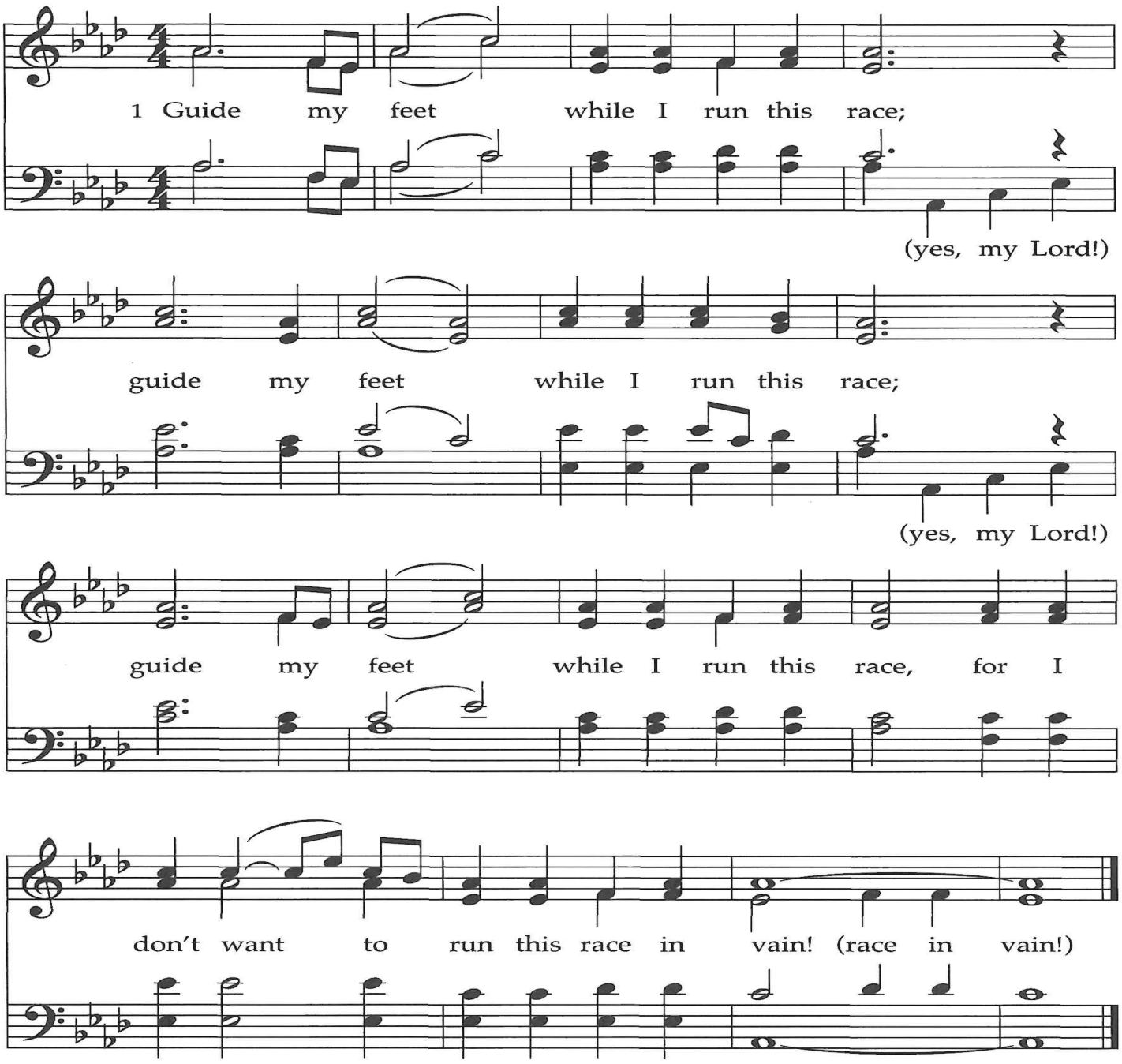


Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983
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Guide My Feet 741



2 Hold my hand ...
3 Stand by me ...
4 I'm your child ...
5 Search my heart ...
6 Guide my feet ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1–2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum, c. 1984
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