

The Larchmont Avenue Church

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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 15, 2023

PRELUDE

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

INTROIT

I Waited

Douglas Kostner

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 69

As for us, our prayer is to you, O LORD.

**With your faithful help, rescue us from sinking in the mire;
deliver us from harm; draw us out of the deep waters.**

O God, you know our folly; the wrongs we have done are not hidden from you.

Do not let the flood sweep over us, or the deep swallow us up.

Draw near to us, redeem us, and let your salvation protect us.

Let heaven and earth praise the Lord,
the seas and everything that moves in them,
For the strength of our God has come!

*HYMN 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience.

We do not always sing your praises.

We do not always recognize your work in our lives.

We would rather take the credit for ourselves.

We would rather take the easy way out.

We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves.

Forgive us for all the ways we forget you.

Help us to trust in you and wait patiently for you.

Incline your ear and hear our cries...

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Hanley

Lord, as we open your Word this morning, help us to create room in our hearts, minds, and spirits to hear what you have to say to us today, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:29-42

Pew Bible NT pg. 92

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

The children of the church are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.

ANTHEM

Out of the Depths

Richard Shephard

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 40:1-11

Pew Bible OT pgs 513 & 514

SERMON

"In the Miry Bog"

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

* HYMN #353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

We welcome Peter Weiss into membership by reaffirmation of faith!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Anna Grace 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; and 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!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the [Realm Connect app](#). Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station in the narthex.

OFFERTORY

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Zoya Gramagin & Shawn Jeffery, soloists

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.

O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY

*HYMN 275

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

POSTLUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

Marshall McDonald

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Ben Wien, piano

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers by the altar are offered in loving memory of Georges Leclere (5/17/1944 - 12/4/2022) by his family.

There will be a **Meeting of the Congregation** of the Larchmont Avenue Church, as well as the Larchmont Avenue Church Corporation, on **January 22, 2023**, for the purpose of receiving the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 budget, and reviewing the pastoral terms of call.

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to worship together, both in person, and with folks joining via livestream.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the Office (LACoffice@lacny.org) to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!

Please consider volunteering to read a prayer and scripture during Sunday service. You can sign up on “Sign-up Genius” here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4ba8ad23a0f94-liturgists1#/>

or email the office at LACoffice@lacny.org.

Christian Education

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

Sunday School: No Sunday School today—see you next week!

TGIF and SHIFT meets this Wednesday, January 18 Middle schoolers will gather from 5:00-6:00 pm and high schoolers will meet from 7:00-8:30 pm for the discussion on “Radical Acceptance” with the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Community Counseling Center.

All are invited to join us for a discussion on “**Radical Acceptance**” with the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Community Counseling Center in the Carhart Room on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. More information can be found here:

<https://www.communitycounselingcenter.org/interfaith>

Save the Dates

Day of Service – Saturday, March 25 (morning)

Rummage Sale – Sat, April 22 – Sat, April 29 (hours TBD)

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JANUARY 15

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Sunday School (Classrooms)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY

Martin Luther King
Jr. Day

JANUARY 16

Office Closed

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 17

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

Trustees (Room 202)

Westchester Chorale (Russell/Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 18

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

TGIF (Youth Center)

SHIFT (Youth Center)

LMCCC Mental Health Event (Carhart)

Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

Symphonia (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 19

Westchester Children's

Chorus(Russell/Chapel)

AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 20

Movie Night-The Incredibles (Carhart)

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 21

LMA Recitals (Sanctuary)

Midnight Run (Russell & Kitchen)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

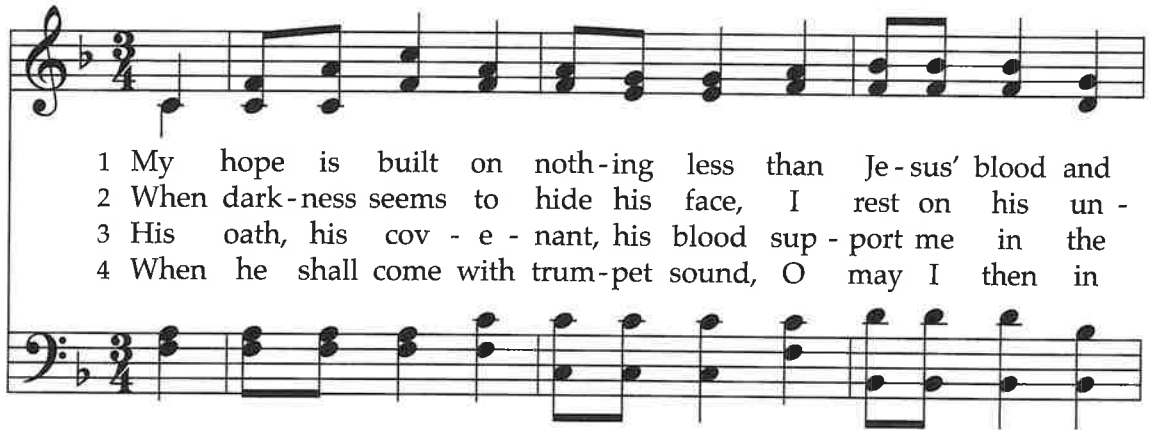
rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

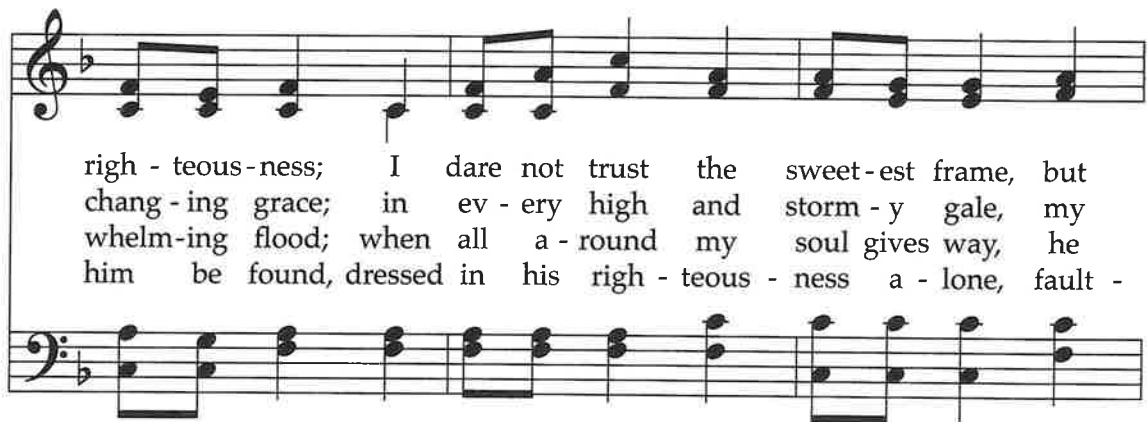
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

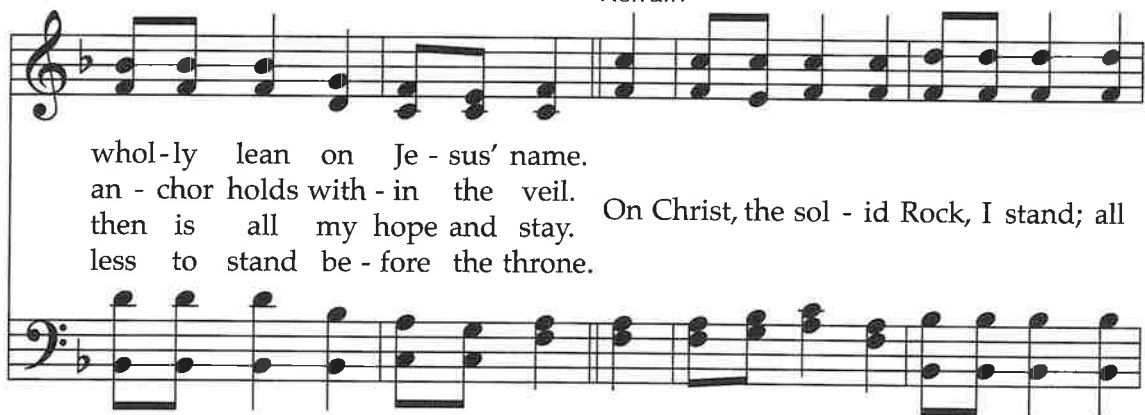
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



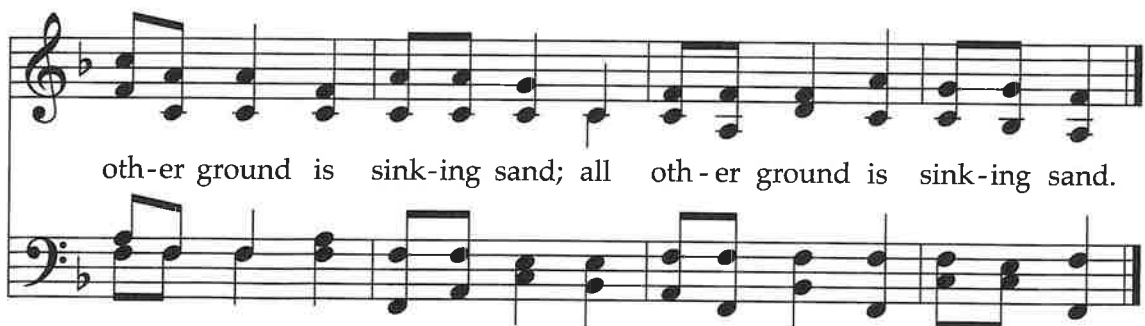
1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain


whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a major key with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The vocal line features a melodic line with some rests and a final cadence. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.