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Youth and Confirmation Sunday
May 5, 2024

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

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The LAC Youth carefully crafted all of the liturgy written for today's service.

PRELUDE *Judas Maccabaeus* George F. Handel
Cameron Gray, violin & Ben Wien, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jack Bowerman

*CALL TO WORSHIP Grey Harvey

Welcome to this place of God's love and worship.

Welcome to this place where everyone is invited.

Welcome to this community of connection.

Welcome to this community where everyone is accepted.

Welcome to this space of growth and forgiveness.

Welcome to this space of unconditional love.

*THE PEACE Grey Harvey, Ryan Halliley, James & John Ryden

*OPENING HYMN #401 "Here in this Place" (*verses 1 & 2*)

CALL TO CONFESSION Jake Halliley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Clara Barnes & Sophie Halliley

O Lord, you want us to be forgiving, but we hold onto grudges and ignore the feelings of others.

Forgive us, O God.

O Lord, you want us to be kind, and generous, but we hoard our gifts and privileges.

Forgive us, O God.

O Lord, you want us to listen to and care for others, but we get wrapped up in our own problems.

Forgive us, O God.

O Lord, you want us to be present and live in the moment, but we keep getting stuck in the past.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us see ourselves the way you see us. Help us become the people you want us to be.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Ben Meintjes

*GLORIA PATRI (#582, *verse 1*)

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Clara Barnes, Sophie Halliley, Malena & Paloma Forney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Casey Rosenthal

Holy God, we ask that as we prepare to hear your Word that you ease our thoughts and open up our minds and hearts. Help us to understand and learn so that we can grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Evan Grey

REFLECTION

Elise Carpenter

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Ben Wien

REFLECTION

Kate Bynum

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ellie Bowerman

*CLOSING HYMN #69

“I, the Lord of Sea & Sky (Here I am Lord)”

*BENEDICTION

Jake Fanning, Malena Forney, & Paloma Forney

*POSTLUDE

Footprints of Jesus

Asa Everett

Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

Thank you to the LAC Youth for leading us in worship today!

Clara Barnes

Jake Fanning

Grey Harvey

Grantham Barnes

Malena Forney

James Manice

Ellie Bowerman

Paloma Forney

Ben Meintjes

Jack Bowerman

Cameron Gray

Griffin Moore

Nash Bowerman

Evan Gray

Walker Moore

Kate Bynum

Robby Grimes

Casey Rosenthal

Elise Carpenter

Timmy Grimes

James Ryden

William DeFelice

Jake Halliley

John Ryden

Declan Fanning

Ryan Halliley

John Sykes

Griffin Fanning

Sophie Halliley

Ben Wien

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Sam and Susan Bell in honor of her brother, Stuart Gherini's 72nd birthday.

- **Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.
- **Sunday School:** The Kids will begin in worship and leave after the Children's Message for choir practice. They will return to the sanctuary at the end of worship for Communion.
- If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!
- Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at broodal@lacny.org.



Here in This Place

Gather Us In

D A C G Gm Dm

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm Dm C D C Gm D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

A C D G A C

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

D G A D A C G

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

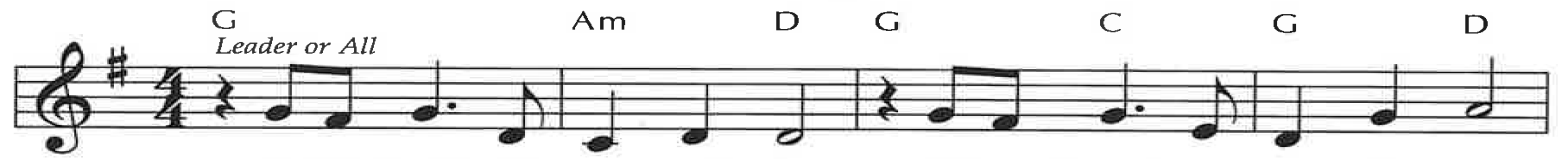
Gm Dm C D C Gm D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



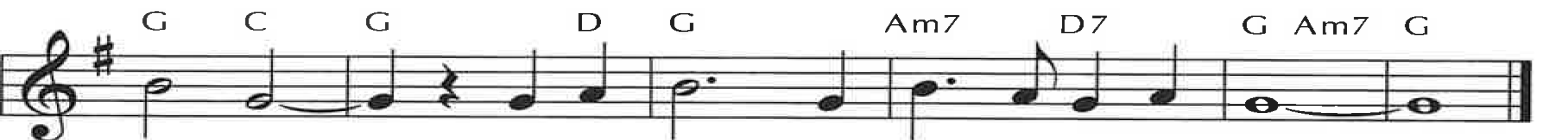
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.