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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

June 16, 2024

PRELUDE

Danse #5
Debra Whitman, harp

Bernard Andrès

WELCOME AND INVITATION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

Welcome to this sanctuary, where you are invited, welcomed, and wanted!
Welcome to this congregation, where God's love is for all. Welcome to this ministry, where we seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
Welcome to this fellowship, where we see and celebrate God's love, beauty, and healing power in every person. However you seek God, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, be at peace... be who you are... and know how loved and welcome you are in this place!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be branches in Christ's body,
we yearn to be connected to the vine.

Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,
we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,
we seek God's nurturing presence.

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

*OPENING HYMN #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

We thank you, O God, for your patience, as we often fail to recognize you.

We thank you, O Christ, for your persistence, as we are often foolish and slow to believe.

We thank you, O Spirit, for your grace, as we are often in need of your help to see, to understand, and to believe.

Forgive us, we pray, and help our unbelief. Open our eyes, open our minds, and open our hearts, so that we might follow and live as your true disciples...

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (#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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Bountiful God, your kingdom is like a seed that someone scatters on the ground. How it grows, we do not know, but there is abundance in the harvest. Open our eyes that we may see your kingdom in a tiny mustard seed and marvel at the simple beauty of our world and our lives. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

VOLUNTARY *This Is My Father's World* Arr. Cindy Blevins
Debra Whitman, harp

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 4:26-34

SERMON "Trusting the Seed" Rev. Claunch

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #714, verse 3

*As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.*

PRAYER 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 glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Calvin John Farris Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN "Welcome, Child of God" (to the tune of #36)

*Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God!
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God!
When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds you,
we are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rev. Bynum

Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Rich Williams, trombone

Composer

*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

*CLOSING HYMN #771 “What is the World Like (verses 1, 3, 5 only)”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

*POSTLUDE

Danse #2
Debra Whitman, harp

Bernard Andrès

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!*

Mentions and Announcements

Today's flowers are given by Paul Serenbetz in loving memory of his father.



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.



- Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342, or scan the QR code.

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

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

2:00 pm Music Recital

MONDAY JUNE 17

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

7:30 pm Youth Group: Overnight Lock In

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)



For the Fruit of All Creation

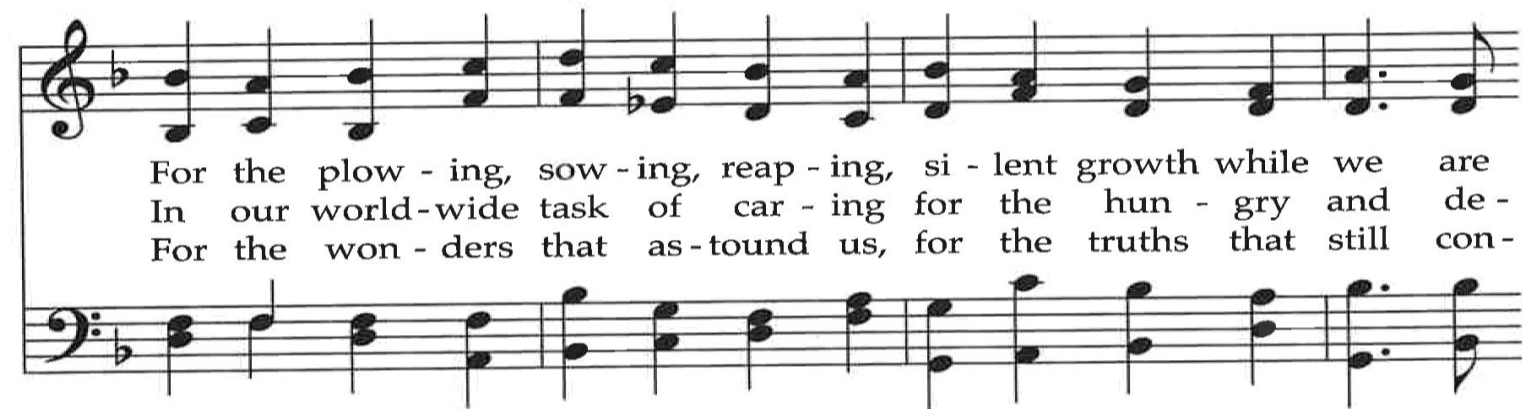
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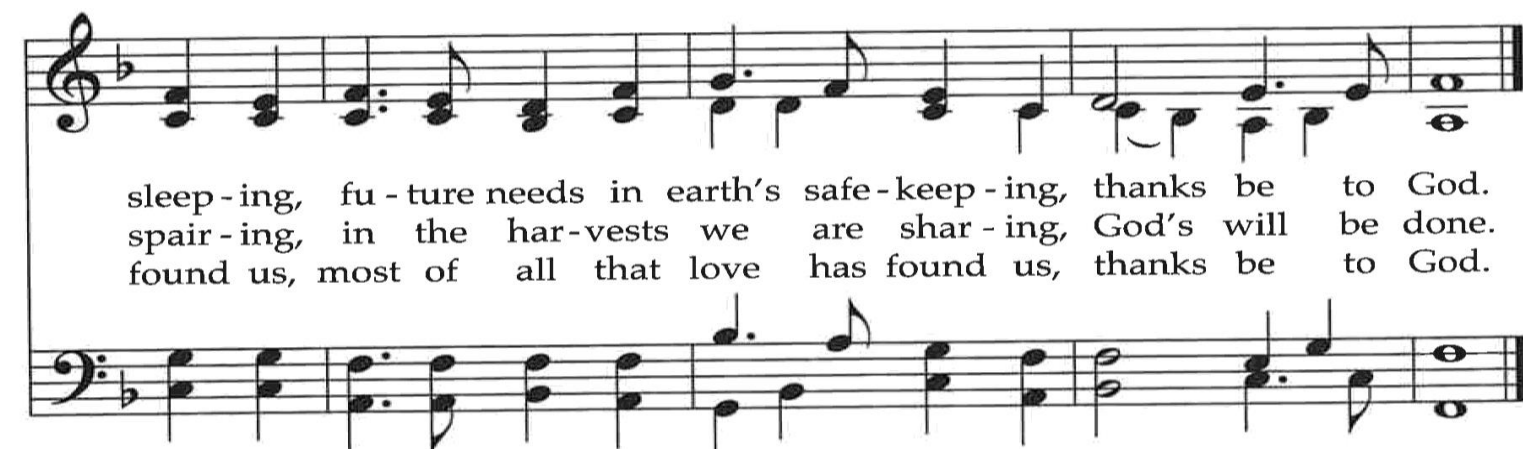
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

What Is the World Like

771

Capo 1: (G) A^b (Em7) Fm7 (C) D^b (D) E^b

- ➔ 1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
- ➔ 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
- ➔ 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
- ➔ 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
- ➔ 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (Am) B^bm (B7) C7

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (D) E^b (G) A^b

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C) D^b (Em7) Fm7 (Am7) B^bm7 (D) E^b (G) A^b

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.