



"Wildflower Light" by Erin Hanson

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024

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

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

August 11, 2024

PRELUDE

Idylle
The Pak Pack

Paul Juon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from "Morning Offering," by Thérèse of Lisieux)

My God, I offer you all my actions of this day, for your intentions, for your glory.

I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to you.

My God, I ask of you, for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly your holy will, and to accept, for love of you, the joys and sorrows of this passing life.

In this way, may we one day be united together in Heaven for all eternity. Amen.

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

*OPENING HYMN #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

(in unison, from "Act of Oblation," by Thérèse of Lisieux)

O Lord, I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of your merciful love. In the hope that the entirety of my life might someday be one act of perfect love, I implore you to consume me unceasingly in the blaze of your merciful love. Let the flood-tide of your infinite tenderness flow into my heart, and let my soul take flight unhindered into the eternal embrace of your merciful love. This is my prayer, O Lord, till the shadows fade, and the evening comes, and I meet you face to face. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA (#581) ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, in your mercy, grant us the ability to hear and receive your holy Word, so that we might heed the voice of Christ and follow him with our whole heart. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103

OT, page 554

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 *NT, page 192*

Rev. Bynum

SERMON

“Wildflowers in the Garden of Jesus”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #250 (verse 1)

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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. 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

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

In the Garden / What a Friend in Jesus
Alex Pak, violin

Brant Adams

*DOXOLOGY #607

***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 #436

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

*POSTLUDE

Scherzo
The Pak Pack

Désiré Pâque

*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



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.



Become a Volunteer at Compassion Camp

Monday, August 19 - Friday, August 23

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For more information, scan the QR code

Compassion Camp Volunteers meet today, at 11:15 am in Lindsley Room.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

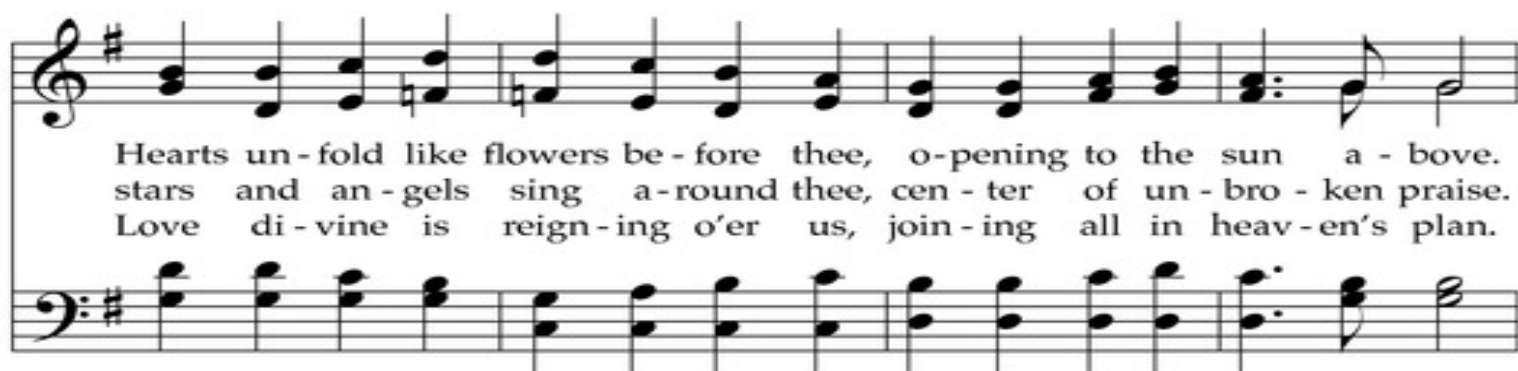
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)



611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.