



# Larchmont Avenue Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 8, 2024

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



**PRELUDE** "Maryton" Arr. Emily  
Porter

**INTROIT** "I Rejoiced" Douglas Kostner  
*I rejoiced with those who said, "Let us go to the Lord's house!"*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 122)**

One: Like David said in days of old, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" And now we are here, standing inside the gates!

**All: This is where God's people come to be fed, to be led, and to give thanks to the Lord!**

One: As we return for another year of mission and ministry, we pray for the peace of your church, O God.

**All: May there be peace, safety, and joy inside these walls, and may those who love you prosper here! To all who have ears to hear we say, "Welcome! Peace be with you!"**

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**\*WELCOME SONG** "Welcome to this Place" Douglas  
Kostner

*(see enclosed bulletin insert)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**God of mercy, in Christ, and in your Word, we have a treasure beyond all measure –a guide and example of how to find the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

**Forgive us for allowing that treasure to be lost amid the sands of time, the dust of neglect, and the detritus of lives that are lived in pursuit of worldly things.**

**Help us to join in your work, mending what is broken, caring for our neighbors, and learning to live as you would have us live, through Jesus Christ our Lord... (time for silent prayer)**

**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, as your word is read and proclaimed on this Lord's Day, help us to find what we seek. Open our ears to your voice, and open the doors to our hearts, so that you might come in. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Matthew 7:1-12  
(*Pew Bible NT, p. 6*)

**ANTHEM** "Qué Alegría Cuando Me Dijeron" Tony Alonso

*(Translation: I rejoiced when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the Lord's house!")*

Grant Tucker, flute; Ted Utz, bass; Bill Sabia, drums

*Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: "Vamos a la casa del Señor."*

*Vengan, los que tienen sed: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Vengan a las aguas: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Y los que no tienen dinero: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Beben y coman sin deuda: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Come, all you tired and weary: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*And the Lord will give you rest: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*For his yoke is easy: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*And his burden is light: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Vengan a tomar del agua viva: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Vengan a ver la luz del mundo: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Vengan y sigan al buen pastor: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*El Camino, la Verdad, y la Vida: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Come, all you who hunger: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*Come to the feast: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*For Christ is the Bread of Life: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

*All who eat will never hunger: vamos a la casa del Señor.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Claunch

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 2 Kings 22:1-13 (*Pew Bible OT, p. 355*)

**SERMON**

“Treasures Hidden in the Walls”

Rev. Bynum

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #738** (*verses 1 and 4*)

*O Master, let me walk with thee, in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret, help me bear, the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
In hope that sends a shining ray,  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

**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 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 via Realm, by scanning the QR code here or via pledge cards found in the pew or at the rear of the sanctuary.



**OFFERTORY**

“Seek First God’s Kingdom”

Thomas Pavlechko

*Seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you as well.*

**\*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 #175** “Seek Ye First”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Welcome Back” John Sebastian  
Grant Tucker, alto sax; Bill Sabia, drums

*You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,  
but there is no expectation that you remain seated.  
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

**TODAY’S SPECIAL GUESTS**

Ted Utz - long-time, LAC and local band member (SWAY) on bass  
Bill Sabia - LAC congregant on drums  
Grant Tucker - LMA teacher on jazz saxophone

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

# Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS	FLOWERS
Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.	If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please get in touch with the office at <a href="mailto:broodal@lacny.org">broodal@lacny.org</a>
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	FELLOWSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School following Children's Message, today</li> <li>• Youth Group begins 9/11. Still time to join us! Contact <a href="mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org">agclaunch@lacny.org</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't forget today's Block Party following Worship. Fun, food &amp; fellowship for all!</li> <li>• Learn more about the Scotland Pilgrimage at the LAC Table at the Block Party!</li> </ul>
MUSIC	SERVICE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to all HS-adults -- Chancel Choir 6:45 PM each Wed; add your voice; no auditions required.</li> <li>• Open to all HS-adults -- limited Advent choir engagement (11/20-12/24). Contact <a href="mailto:dkostner@lacny.org">dkostner@lacny.org</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midnight Run: 9/28 &amp; 10/26, 4 PM Russell Hall</li> <li>• LAC Food Connection helping LAC members with short-term meal delivery. We need your help! Contact: <a href="mailto:bbell@verizon.net">bbell@verizon.net</a>.</li> <li>• Got old eyeglasses? Donate to Lions Club (drop box in LAC Forest Park foyer)</li> </ul>

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

10:20 am Sunday School

11:15 am Block Party

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)

7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Lindsley)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

5:00 pm Youth Group

6:45 pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

## CONNECT WITH US

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Congregation

# Welcome to This Place

LAC 2024 Youth Group

Douglas Kostner

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four lines of music, each with a measure number (1, 3, 5, 7) at the beginning. The first line starts with a dynamic marking of *f*. The lyrics are: "Wel - come to this place of God's love and wor - ship,". The second line starts with a measure number of 3 and lyrics: "wel - come to this space of un - con - di - tion - al love.". The third line starts with a measure number of 5 and lyrics: "Wel - come to this place where ev - ery - one's in - vi - ted,". The fourth line starts with a measure number of 7 and lyrics: "en - ter in this space of un - con - di - tion - al love.". The score includes various musical notations such as stems, beams, and rests.

**(Refrain 2x)**

**Welcome to this place of God's love and worship,**

**Welcome to this space of unconditional love.**

**Welcome to this place where everyone's invited,**

**Enter in this space of unconditional love.**

Welcome to this place, this community of connection. **(Refrain 1x)**

Welcome to this place, this community of acceptance. **(Refrain 1x)**

Welcome to this place, this space of growth and forgiveness. **(Refrain 1x)**

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,  
but and by you shall find;  
ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and knock, all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
that and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## SPANISH

1 Busca primero el reino de Dios  
y su perfecta justicia,  
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.  
Alelu, aleluya.

## KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와  
그의를 구하-면  
이모든것 네게 더하시리라  
알레-루 알레루아