

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024

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



"Lord of the Dance"

Dale Wood

INTROIT

"The Lord Gives Wisdom"

Douglas Kostner

For the Lord gives wisdom; wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter

Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 4:17-32)

- One: Scripture tells us that those who seek God must no longer live as the world lives, alienated from the life of the Spirit by lack of understanding and hardness of heart.
- All: That is not the way we have learned in Christ!
- One: Surely you have heard about him, and were taught in him, to put away your former way of life, your old self, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds.
- All: In Christ we are invited to clothe ourselves in a new garment, a new self, created according to the likeness of God.
- One: So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth, and live the truth, bound together as the body of Christ!
- All: Let no evil talk come out of our mouths, but only what is useful for building up, so that our words may give grace to all those who hear!

***THE PEACE**

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

***OPENING HYMN #157** "I Danced in the Morning"

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- Holy God, your wisdom cries out in the streets, and your grace whispers in the wind, but we are swayed by the songs of the world, and we are lured by idols that are empty and false.
- Forgive us for the errant paths we have taken, for the pains we have caused, and for the wrongs we have tolerated.
- Help us to hear your voice in the words of scripture. Help us to see your image in the faces of others. Help us find courage in the stories of saints who have gone before us.

On this day and each one to come, may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith and honor you... *(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 we gather around your Word, we ask for knowledge, for wisdom, for faith, and for courage, so that we might be clothed in the garment of your righteousness and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 1:20-33

ANTHEM

"Wisdom is Calling"

Refrain: Wisdom is calling to her children: "Come to the banquet I have spread. Come and drink my wine; come and eat my bread; Come to the feast I have prepared." The law of our God is perfect, new life for the soul; The decree of our God to be trusted, wisdom for the simple.

(Refrain)

The precepts of God are upright, joy for the heart; The commandments of God are clear, light for the eyes. (Refrain)

The fear of our God is pure, lasting forever; The judgments of God are true, righteous, every one. (Refrain) God's word is more precious than gold, the purest of gold. God's words are sweeter than honey from the comb. (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:1-12

(Pew Bible NT, p. 230)

(Pew Bible OT, p. 584)

Michael Joncas

SERMON

"Tongues of Fire"

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #722 (verses 1 and 5)

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone. Oh, use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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.



Rev. Bynum

OFFERTORY

"Heaven of Freedom" Roseanne Ackerley, soloist

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high; Where knowledge is free; Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls; Where words come from the depths of truth; Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection; Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert of habit; Where the mind is led forward by thee into action, into ever widening thought and action... Into that heaven of freedom let my people awake! (Rabindranath Tagore)

*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	#697 "Take My Life" (verses 1, 2, and 5)	
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Bynum
*CHORAL AMEN		
*POSTLUDE	"Prelude in C Major"	J. S. Bach
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!		

* Please stand if you are able

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.	FLOWERS If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please get in touch with the office at <u>broodal@lacny.org</u> .
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 4th grade Bible presentation today Confirmation meeting for parents and confirmands today at 11:15 am in the youth room Women's Bible Study begins 10/1. Email broodal@lacny.org to sign up. 	 FELLOWSHIP Learn more about the Scotland Pilgrimage at on our website. Pricing and Early Bird discount available. Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday at 8:30 am in Lindsley. Next meeting is 9/19.
 MUSIC Open to all HS-adults Chancel Choir 6:45 PM each Wed; add your voice; no auditions required. Open to all HS-adults limited Advent choir engagement (11/20-12/24). Contact <u>dkostner@lacny.org</u>. Larchmont Symphonia is open to proficient string players of any age 	 SERVICE Midnight Run: 9/28 & 10/26, 4 PM Russell Hall LAC Food Connection, which assists LAC members with short-term meal delivery, needs your help! Contact <i>lacoffice@lacny.org.</i> Got old eyeglasses? Donate to Lions Club (drop box in LAC Forest Park foyer)
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart/Lindsley)
11:15 am Confirmation Parents Mtg. (Youth Room)
<u>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</u>
7:00 pm Trustees (Lindsley)
<u>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</u>
6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall) <u>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</u> 7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

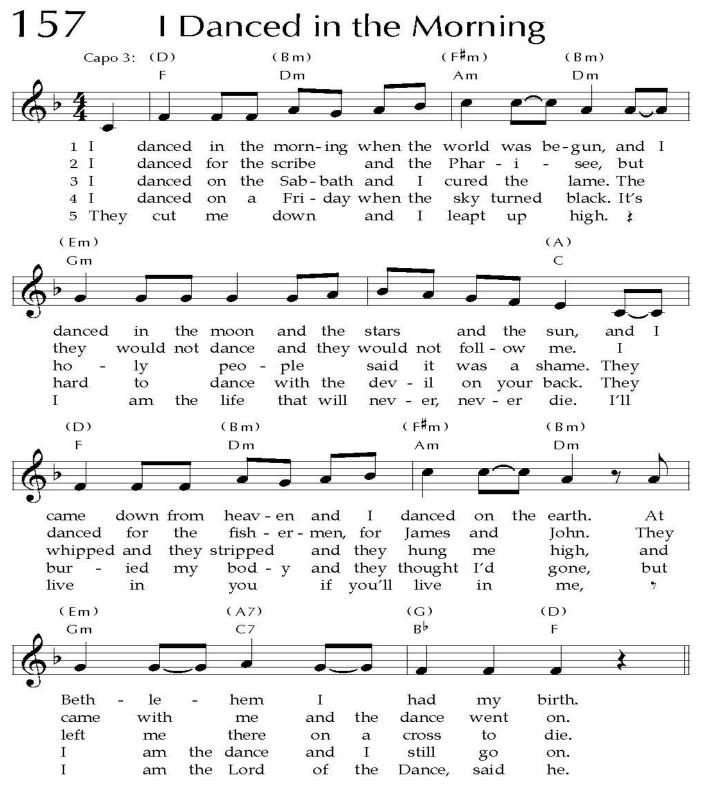
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This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

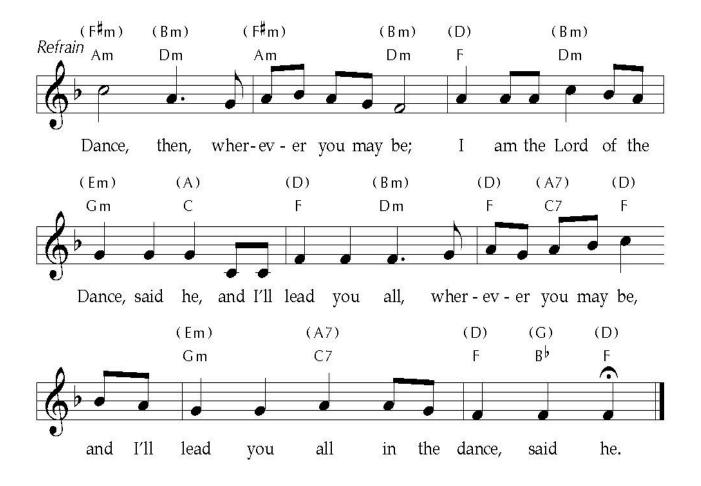
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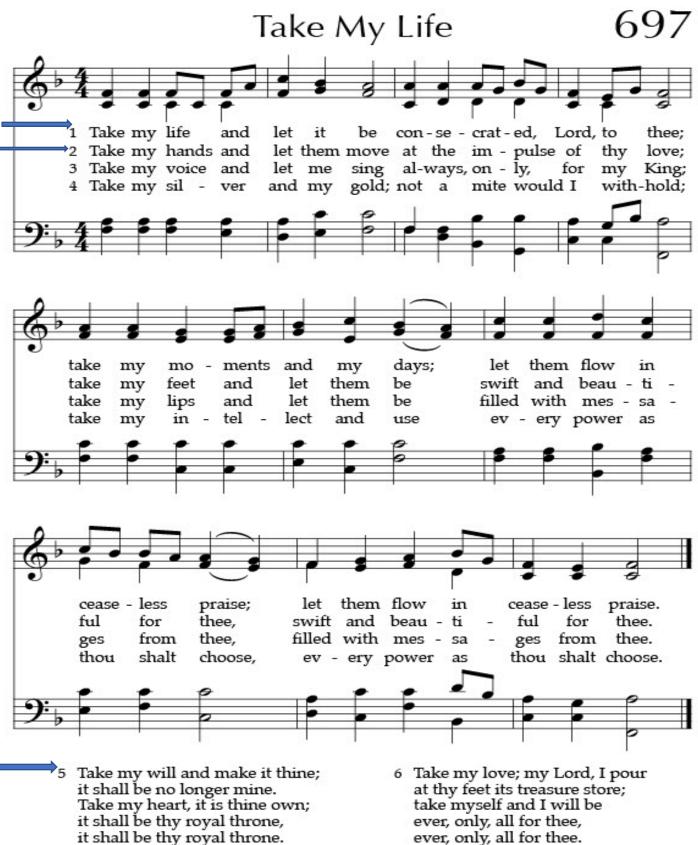
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JESUS CHRIST: LIFE



DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP



This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.