



Larchmont Avenue Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“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 (Pew Bible OT, p. 584)

ANTHEM “Wisdom is Calling” Michael Joncas

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 Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible NT, p. 230)

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.



OFFERTORY

“Heaven of Freedom”

Gwyneth Walker

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 broodal@lacny.org.

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 dkostner@lacny.org.
- 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 lacoffice@lacny.org.
- Got old eyeglasses? Donate to Lions Club (drop box in LAC Forest Park foyer)

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart/Lindsley)
11:15 am Confirmation Parents Mtg.
(Youth Room)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 pm Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) Gm (A) C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) F (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (G) Bb (D) F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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.

Refrain (F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F B^b F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

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.