



"Crystal Light," by Erin Hanson

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September 22, 2024

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



PRELUDE "The Ash Grove" David Cherwien

INTROIT "The Lord Is My Light" Douglas Kostner
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from 1st John chapter 1*)

One: This is the message we have heard from God and the message we proclaim to you -- that God is light; that, in the Lord, there is no darkness at all.

All: We have been told these things so that our joy may be complete!

One: If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us;

All: but if we walk in the light as Christ himself is in the light, then we have true fellowship with God and one another. We have been told these things so that our joy may be complete!

One: Let us worship God!

***THE PEACE**

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

***OPENING HYMN #37** "Let All Things Now Living"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Holy God, your light has come into the world, but we confess that, in many ways, we still choose the darkness. We speak words of selfishness instead of love. We serve our own interests instead of looking to the interests of others. We trust in the ways of this world instead of placing our faith and trust in you.

Forgive us, Lord. Show us your light, and help us to walk in that light, so that it may be clear to all that our deeds have been done in God... (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)
Griffin Moore

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we hear it read and proclaimed, we ask you to guide us to the Way, the Truth, and the Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen...

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14 (*Pew Bible OT, p. 503*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:13-16

(Pew Bible NT, p. 4)

SERMON

“Throwing Light or Throwing Shade?”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

ANTHEM

“Shed a Little Light”

James Taylor

Kaylee Taylor, soloist; Bill Sabia, drums

*Let us turn our thoughts today to Martin Luther King, and recognize that there are ties
between us,*

all men and women living on the earth, ties of hope and love, of sister- and brotherhood.

*That we are bound together in our desire to see the world become
a place in which our children can grow free and strong.*

We are bound together by the task that stands before us and the road that lies ahead.

We are bound and we are bound.

There is a feeling like the clenching of a fist. There is a hunger in the center of the chest.

There is a passage through the darkness and the mist.

And though the body sleeps, the heart will never rest.

Shed a little light, oh Lord, so that we can see. Just a little light, oh Lord.

Wanna stand it on up, Lord. Wanna walk it on down. Shed a little light, oh Lord.

Can't get no light from the dollar bill.

Don't give me no light from a TV screen.

When I open my eyes, I wanna drink my fill from the well on the hill.

PRAYERS 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!

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. Claunch



OFFERTORY

“This Little Light of Mine”

Arr. Howard Helvey

Kaylee Taylor, soloist

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

***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 #749** “Come! Live in the Light!”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

***CHORAL AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

“Christ Be Our Light”

Kenneth DeJong

*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

Kaylee Taylor - Recent MHS graduate and Westchester Children's Chorus alumna

Bill Sabia - LAC congregant on drums

** 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

Today's flowers are given by Meg and Peter Thaler in loving memory of Mary Joyce Beringer.

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please get in touch with the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Women's Bible Study begins 10/1. Email broodal@lacny.org to sign up.
- Men's Bible Study meets every other Thursday at 8:30 am (Lindsley). Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash@optonline.net
- Youth meets this Wednesday! (Youth Rm)
5th – 7th grade 5 pm to 6 pm
8th – 12th grade 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in our Scotland Pilgrimage visit our information LAC website, <https://www.lacny.org/2025-pilgrimage-to-scotland/>. Pricing & Early Bird discount.
- World Communion Sunday (10/16). To make a contribution, use blue "Mission" envelopes in the pew, send checks marked "Peace & Global Witness Offering" to the church office, or contribute via REALM.

MUSIC

- Open to all HS-adults -- Chancel Choir 7:30 PM each Wed.
- Limited Advent choir engagement (11/20-12/24). Contact dkostner@lacny.org.
- Larchmont Symphonia in worship.
Upcoming dates: 11/24, 12/24 (8pm)

SERVICE

- Midnight Run: 9/28, 10/26, 11/23 & 12/7.
4 PM Russell Hall
- LAC Food Connection. Contact: lacoffice@lacny.org.
- Mission Trip 2/15 -2/22/25. Information meeting 9/29 @ 11:15 am.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School (Carhart/Lindsley)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Room 202)
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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37 Let All Things Now Living



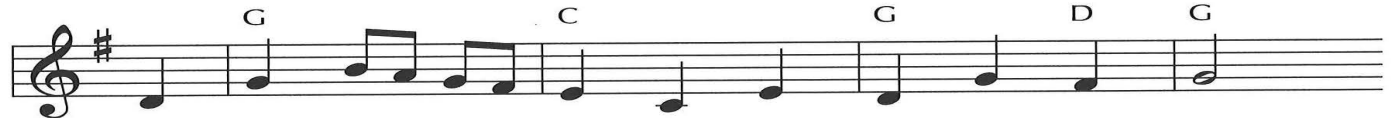
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"