

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Stewardship Sunday
October 20, 2024

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



PRELUDE

“In Quiet Mood”
Jeffrey Hoffman, organ

Florence Price

INTROIT

“Treasures in Heaven”
*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
For where your treasure is, there shall be your heart.*

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them.

All: You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve.

One: In this time of worship, help us to seek, so that we may truly find.
Help us to ask, so that we may joyfully receive.

All: And help us to knock, so that the door of your mercy may be opened for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

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

***OPENING HYMN #620** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith, hope, and love. This is the judgment that falls upon us: the light has come into the world, but we seem to love darkness more than the light.

Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we have done, and the good we have left undone. Hear us as we knock upon your door, asking for faith, asking for grace, asking for your light to shine upon us...

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.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION 2025 Stewardship Committee

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be guided to the path that leads to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

(*Pew Bible NT, p. 173*)

ANTHEM

“The Best of Rooms”

Charles Wood

*Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give him the choice; grant him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 7:7-11

(Pew Bible NT, p. 6)

SERMON

“Knocking on the Door”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #175

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, allelujah!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, allelujah!
You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, allelujah!*

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 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**

“Pastorale in G, Op. 101, No. 1”

William Faulkes

Jeffrey Hoffman. Organ

***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 #716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

***CHORAL AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** “Grand Choeur from 12 Pieces for Organ” Théodore-César Salomé
Jeffrey Hoffman, organ

*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!*

THIS WEEK’S MUSICAL GUEST

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome guest organist Jeffrey Hoffman.

** 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

- Interested in info or joining Women's or Men's Bible Study, contact broodal@lacny.org or ajwash@optonline.net, respectively.
- Confirmation Class meets 10/20@11:15 am!
- Tiny Theologians will be taught on 10/27

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in our Scotland Pilgrimage? Learn more <https://www.lacny.org/2025-pilgrimage-to-scotland/>.
- 2025 Nominations for are being compiled. If interested in serving or to nominate someone, contact broodal@lacny.org.

MUSIC

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

SERVICE

- Midnight Run: 10/26, 11/23 & 12/7, 4 PM Russell Hall
- LAC Food Connection. Contact: lacoffice@lacny.org
- Mission Trip dates are set! 2/15 -2/22/25. Email: agclaunch@lacny.org for information.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 am Nominating Committee (Library)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:00 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
11:15 am Confirmation Class (Carhart)

MONDAY OCTOBER 21

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group-Pumpkin Carving
7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

3:00 pm Ragamuffin Parade (Larchmont Ave)
4:00 pm Midnight Run with LAC Youth Group

STEWARDSHIP 2025

Today marks the start of the 2025 Stewardship Campaign 'God is **Opening Doors** at LAC. Help us answer the call. We need your time, energy, skills, talent and financial support. Please find more information in the pew cards or scan the QR code here.



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Update your  **realm**, today. Use the pew card & drop into the offering or at the back of the Church or visit the Realm app. Problems? contact broodal@lacny.org.

As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletins. Thank you!



620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.