



John Calvin Meditating, engraved from a painting by Ary Scheffer (1858)

# Reformation Sunday

Larchmont Avenue Church  
60 Forest Park Avenue  
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October 27, 2024

## PRELUDE

“Highland Cathedral”  
Ian Underwood, Highland bagpipes

Traditional

## INTROIT

“The Lord Is My Refuge”  
*The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.*

Douglas Kostner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

## THE NATURE OF WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from a letter by John Calvin to Cardinal Sadoletto, 1539)

One: "Let us know and be fully persuaded,

**All: that wherever the faithful, who worship God purely and in due form according to the appointment of God's Word, are assembled together to engage in the solemn acts of religious worship, the Lord is graciously present, and presides in the midst of them... Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to Christ's institution, there -- it is not to be doubted -- a church of God exists."**

**\*THE PEACE**

One: "If we want to prove our obedience to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ,

**All: then we must bind ourselves in a *pia conspiratio* [literally, a "breathing together"], and cultivate peace among ourselves."<sup>1</sup>**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #321** "The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1 and 5)

### CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

One: "[I]f we are willing to rest upon simple Scriptural teaching, there will be no danger of anyone's deceiving us, for in Scripture, one way of confession is prescribed...

**All: Since it is the Lord who forgives, forgets, and wipes out sins, let us confess our sins to him in order to obtain pardon.**

One: He is the physician; therefore, let us lay bare our wounds to him.

**All: It is he who is hurt and offended; from him let us seek peace.**

One: He is the discerner of hearts, the one cognizant of all thoughts;

**All: let us hasten to pour out our hearts before him."<sup>2</sup>**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Rev. Claunch

One: What do we mean when we speak of "justification"?

**All: "...to justify means to remit sins, to absolve from guilt and punishment, to receive into favor, and to pronounce a man just."**

One: From whom can we receive such justification?

**All: "Properly speaking... God alone justifies us, and justifies only on account of Christ, not imputing sins to us but imputing his righteousness to us."**

One: And how can we receive this justification from God?

<sup>1</sup> Lukas Vischer, *Pia Conspiratio: Calvin's Commitment to the Unity of Christ's Church* (Theology and Worship Occasional Paper No. 20, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 2007), p. 15.

<sup>2</sup> John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book III, Chapter IV, Paragraph 9 (1536).



foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.”<sup>5</sup>

**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**

**OFFERTORY** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Arr. Timothy Cummings  
Ian Underwood, Highland bagpipes

**\*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 #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Bynum

**\*CHORAL AMEN**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Crossing the Minch” Traditional  
Ian Underwood, Highland bagpipes

*There is no expectation that you remain seated during the Postlude.  
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

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<sup>5</sup> Heidelberg Catechism, 4.116 and 4.117 (1562).

# 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

- This morning's flowers are given by Arthur and Pam Washington in celebration of the wedding of their daughter, Caroline Washington, to Devin Haack on October 26, 2024.
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please get in touch with the office at [broodal@lacny.org](mailto:broodal@lacny.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Interested in info or joining Women's or Men's Bible Study, contact [broodal@lacny.org](mailto:broodal@lacny.org) or [ajwash@optonline.net](mailto:ajwash@optonline.net), respectively.
- Tiny Theologians for ages 3-10 meets today in the Carhart Room following the Children's Message.
- Nursery care is available in the education wing (room 114) for infants and toddlers.

## FELLOWSHIP

- SAVE THE DATE! 11/17 Fall Celebration, 6-8 pm. 21 & Over
- Learn about our Scotland Pilgrimage. <https://www.lacny.org/2025-pilgrimage-to-scotland/>.
- 2025 Nominations for church officers are being compiled. If interested contact [broodal@lacny.org](mailto:broodal@lacny.org).

## MUSIC

- Open to all HS-adults -Limited Advent Choir engagement (11/20-12/24). Contact [dkostner@lacny.org](mailto:dkostner@lacny.org).
- Mark your calendars for Larchmont Symphonia in worship: 11/24, 12/24 (8pm)

## SERVICE

- Midnight Run: 11/23 & 12/7 @ 4 PM.
- LAC Food Connection. Contact: [lacoffice@lacny.org](mailto:lacoffice@lacny.org)
- Mission Trip dates 2/15 -2/22/25. Email: [agclaunch@lacny.org](mailto:agclaunch@lacny.org) for info.

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
 10:00 am Tiny Theologians (Carhart)  
 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)  
 12:30 pm Girl Scouts Walk

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:00 pm Memorial Service  
 7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
 4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus  
 7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

## 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. Dedication Sunday is 11/17.



## CONNECT WITH US

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

## The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Cont'd on next page)

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major) and a common time signature. It features a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F# major) and a common time signature. It provides a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.