



“Jesus Stands at the Door and Knocks” by Ain Vares.

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Dedication Sunday
November 17, 2024

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



PRELUDE

“Linstead”

Arr. Wayne Kerr

INTROIT

“Behold, I Stand at the Door”

George Thalben-Ball

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

If any one open the door, I will come in.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship, you are welcome in this place!

Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers,
the young, old and the in-between.

Come as you are, for this is God’s house—a house for all people,
and God welcomes each one who comes.

***THE PEACE**

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God, you are a storyteller, and you made us in your image. You spoke, and you still speak, through unexpected people, through silence, through your word written and proclaimed through the centuries. We come to hear your story once again, to find our place among your people and within your vision for all creation. We hear You call us to share your story in our words and in our actions, but we confess that more often our lips are sealed. We are afraid to tell your story. We think we don’t know enough, and we are afraid of offending.

We prefer to keep you to ourselves. Forgive us for letting the book gather dust on the shelf, and the story gather dust in our hearts. Amen. *(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)*

**Holy Spirit, stir our hearts to be moved by your Word, that we might
leave this place with your wisdom implanted within us. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 85:8-13

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR Tov L'hodot Ken Chasen

Tov l'hodot l'Adonai ul'zameir l'shimcha elyon.

(It is good to give thanks to God, to sing hymns to your name, the Most High.)

*On this, the day of days, my lips will sing your praise.
For I know that you'll always be here surrounding me.*

*My spirit takes release. I close my eyes in peace,
And from my soul heard far above springs a song of love.*

*I wish to understand the wonders of your hand,
For all the blessings that are mine rise from your design*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 3:20-22

SERMON "Can Someone Get the Door? It's Jesus Again"

ANTHEM "Consecration" Frederick Chatfield

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
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.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

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 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Arr. Brant Adams
Rich Williams, trombone

***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.*

***INVITATION TO 2025 COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to come forward to offer their estimates of giving or other symbols of their commitment to the mission and ministry of the church.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** “Sacred Harp” (Warrenton & Beach Spring) Arr. Brant Adams
Rich Williams, trombone

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

Today's flowers are given by Christel and Adrian Pugin in loving memory of their daughter's birthday, and for all loved ones.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- It's not too late to join the Women's Bible Study! 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
- Confirmation Class meets today after the worship service.
- Tiny Theologians meet 11/24

FELLOWSHIP

- Scotland Pilgrimage <https://www.lacny.org/2025-pilgrimage-to-scotland/>. Pricing & Early Bird discount available
- Fall Celebration tonight! 6-8 pm. Russell Hall
- Bring a Friend Sunday 11/24 – Special Worship & Coffee Hour. All are welcome.
- Interfaith Thanksgiving 11/26 @ 6:30 pm, St. John's Episcopal Church

MUSIC

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

SERVICE

- Midnight Run: 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, NOVEMBER 17

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
6 to 8 pm Fall Social (Russell Hall)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch.
7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 pm Finance Committee (Lindsley)
7:00 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
7:00 pm Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - Continued

7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

12:00 pm Trombone Recital :Richard Williams (Sanctuary)
12:30 pm Neighbors for Refugees Meeting (Carhart)
4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)

STEWARDSHIP 2025



**Opening
Doors**
Stewardship
2025

Goals:
10% ↑ in gifts
110 total pledges

**Commitments
to date:**
\$331,920

39

PRIOR DONORS

3

NEW DONORS

18

INCREASED GIFTS



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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

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^b (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#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (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^b (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.

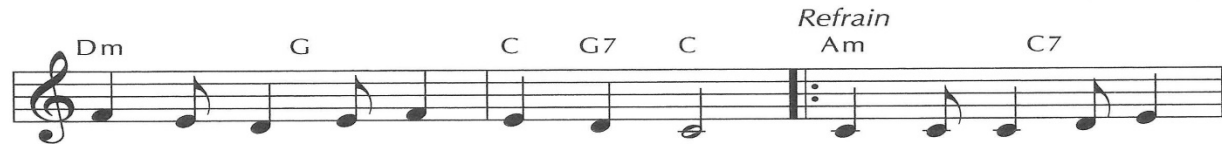
526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.