



Larchmont Avenue Church

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

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



PRELUDE "BRADBURY" Arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT "Lift Up Your Heads" Musica Sacra, c. 1778
*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
The King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION SUNDAY
The Personnel Committee

***THE PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Colossians 1*)

One: The Lord is the stronghold of our life;

All: whom shall we fear?

One: The Lord leads us to green pastures and guides us to still waters;

All: of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Though dangers lurk and perils rise,

All: We shall fear no evil, for we as sheep are safe in God's fold.

One: Make us strong, O Lord, and let our hearts take courage.

All: We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #187** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

Living God, we confess that we seek safety in so many worldly things. Listening to the shouts of the crowd, we wander in dark valleys, failing to hear your quiet voice that leads us to green pastures and true security.

Forgive us, Lord. Give us ears to hear and heed your call. Give us strength to walk your paths. Return us to your flock and fold, so that we may have abundant life... the kind of life that death cannot destroy... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***KYRIE (#551)** *Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*) Nash Bowerman

Christ our Shepherd, as your Word is read and proclaimed, we ask you to open the gates of our hearts and minds, so that your loving Spirit might come in. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:1-10

SERMON

“I AM the Gate for the Sheep”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #861 (*verse 1*)

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jeff Carpenter

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the 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 electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep”

Philip Ledger

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.
I would bless thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.
Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known*

*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 #541 “God Be With You, Till We Meet Again”

Vs. 1: All; Vs. 2: High voices; Vs. 3: Low voices; Vs. 4: All

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“TRURO”

Arr. Jason Payne

*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? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are in recognition of Employee Appreciation Sunday from the Personnel Committee.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Join the Women's Bible Study! Email broodal@lacny.org.
- Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash@optonline.net.
- Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are dismissed to Sunday School following the Children's Message.

FELLOWSHIP

- Coffee served in Russell Hall today at 11:15 am.
- Interested in the Scottish Pilgrimage? Learn more @ lacny.org. Spots are now limited.
- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt 4/5@3:30pm.

MUSIC

Looking for ways to get involved? Joining the choir is a great way to make a joyful noise (and some great friends as well). Call the church office or email dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: lacoffice@lacny.org
- Midnight Run Dates: 4/5.
- SAVE THE DATE: LAC Rummage Sale, May 1-3
Donations accepted: Sat, April 26 10am – 12pm
Sun., April 27 12pm – 4pm
Mon., April 28 10am – 4pm
Tues., April 29 9am – 12pm
- See 3/14 Church Notes for sale times on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Website updates next week!

LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service — April 17th @ 7 PM
- Good Friday Service — April 18th @ 12 noon
- Community Sunrise Easter Service in Manor Park — April 20th @ 6:30 AM
- Easter Services at LAC — April 20th @ 9 AM and 11AM

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

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

MONDAY, MARCH 17

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. (Room 202, Carhart, Chapel)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Sanctuary, Carhart, Chapel, Room 202, Youth Room)

7:15pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 am Preschool Teachers Training (Russell Hall)

11:00 am The Woman's Club of Larchmont (Carhart)

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.