



I AM
the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life

Larchmont Avenue Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

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Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE “Adagietto from Symphony No. 5” Gustav Mahler/Carrie Gruselle
Larchmont Symphonia

INTROIT “I Am the Way” Douglas Kostner
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; what you ask in my name, so I will do.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

MOMENT FOR MISSION Dawn Moriwaki Rummage Sale

***THE PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: From the beginning, all life has been connected.

All: There is a holy thread that weaves our lives together.

One: At times, we hide from this truth.

All: Other times it is hidden from us.

One: It gets buried deep down beneath greed and isolation.

All: It is forgotten when fear comes close.

One: But there is a place where we find ourselves in each other.

All: A place where every living is valued.

One: We come to it on occasion. In brief and fleeting moments.

All: It is our home in the life of God. Our place of origin and return.

One: Let us go there together. Love has shown us the way.

***OPENING HYMN #754** “Help Us Accept Each Other”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Bynum

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things.

And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. (*time for silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***KYRIE (#551)** *Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you, your truth, and the message you intend for us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25: 1-5

ANTHEM Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life Steve Warner

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; Such a heart as joys in love.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:1-14

SERMON "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #753 (verses 1 and 2)

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy*

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; 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

Rev. Bynum

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

"Amazing Grace"

Arr. Matt Riley

Larchmont Symphonia & Nicole Sharlow, violin

***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 #372**

"O for a World"

Vs. 1: All; Vs. 2: Low voices; Vs. 3: High voices; Vs. 4: All; Vs. 5: All

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

"Bozrah"

Arr. Deborah Monday

Larchmont Symphonia

*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.*

TODAY'S MUSICAL GUEST

Symphonia & Nicole Sharlow

Ms. Sharlow is the head of the String Department at the Larchmont Music Academy where she teaches violin, viola and chamber music. She also directs Larchmont Symphonia, a community orchestra comprised of students and amateur adults, which is in residence at Larchmont Avenue Church.

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 loving memory of Warren L. Serenbetz and Warren L. Serenbetz, Jr., by their family.

Donate a potted spring flower for our Easter Sunday service.
<https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/give/Eastermemorialflower>

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Join the Women's Bible Study! Email broodal@lacny.org. Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash@outlook.com.
- 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 membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt 4/5@3:30pm.
- SEEKERS on APRIL 3rd at 7 PM (LAC's Russell Hall) with Andrea Markowitz, LCSW & Program Director at Cancer Support Community NY/CT (at Gilda's Place) for a discussion on "Caring for the Caregiver." [Register at https://www.lacny.org/seekers/](https://www.lacny.org/seekers/)
- Mark your calendars for Family Planting Day 4/6 @ 3:30 PM. Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AB2AA3FECF8-55819836-lacgarden>

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

www.lacny.org/rummage-sale-2025-2/



or scan the QR code

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 30

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Lindsley)
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Lindsley)
6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (Lindsley)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel, Room 202,)
7:00 pm SEEKERS (Russell Hall, Lindsley)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

3:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt (Outside)
4:00 pm Midnight Run (Russell Hall)

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Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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O for a World

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways, 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved, 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise. 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace, where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise. where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved. that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice. Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise. where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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