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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 2025

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“The Solid Rock”
Avery Duer, piano

Craig Curry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Stewardship 2026*

***THE PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(adapted from Psalm 71)*

One: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness, rescue us and deliver us; turn your ear to us and save us.

One: As for me, I will always have hope. Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

**All: Even when we are old and gray, do not forsake us, Lord. We will declare your
power to the next generation; we will share your mighty acts with all who are to
come.**

One: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go.

All: In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; let us never be put to shame.

***OPENING HYMN #353** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (verses 1-3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Gracious God, we confess that we rely too much on the shifting sands of the world.

**We have pursued our own needs and neglected the needs of others. We have
pursued our own desires, while people suffer, creation languishes, and injustice
continues. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel, and
help us to build faithful lives on the solid rock of your goodness, mercy, and love...**

(moment of silence)

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)*

**Faithful God, as your scriptures are read and proclaimed, sanctify us by your Word
and Spirit, so that our lives may be founded upon you, our rock and our salvation.
Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 31: 1-8, 23-24

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 7:21-29

SERMON

“Building on the Rock”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #353 *(verse 4)*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

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; 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

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Rev. Claunch



OFFERTORY

“Rock of Ages”

Marianne Kim

Avery Duer, piano

***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 #438** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Ashitaka and San”

Joe Hisaishi

Avery Duer, piano

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY’S MUSICAL GUEST

Avery Duer is our guest musician today.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

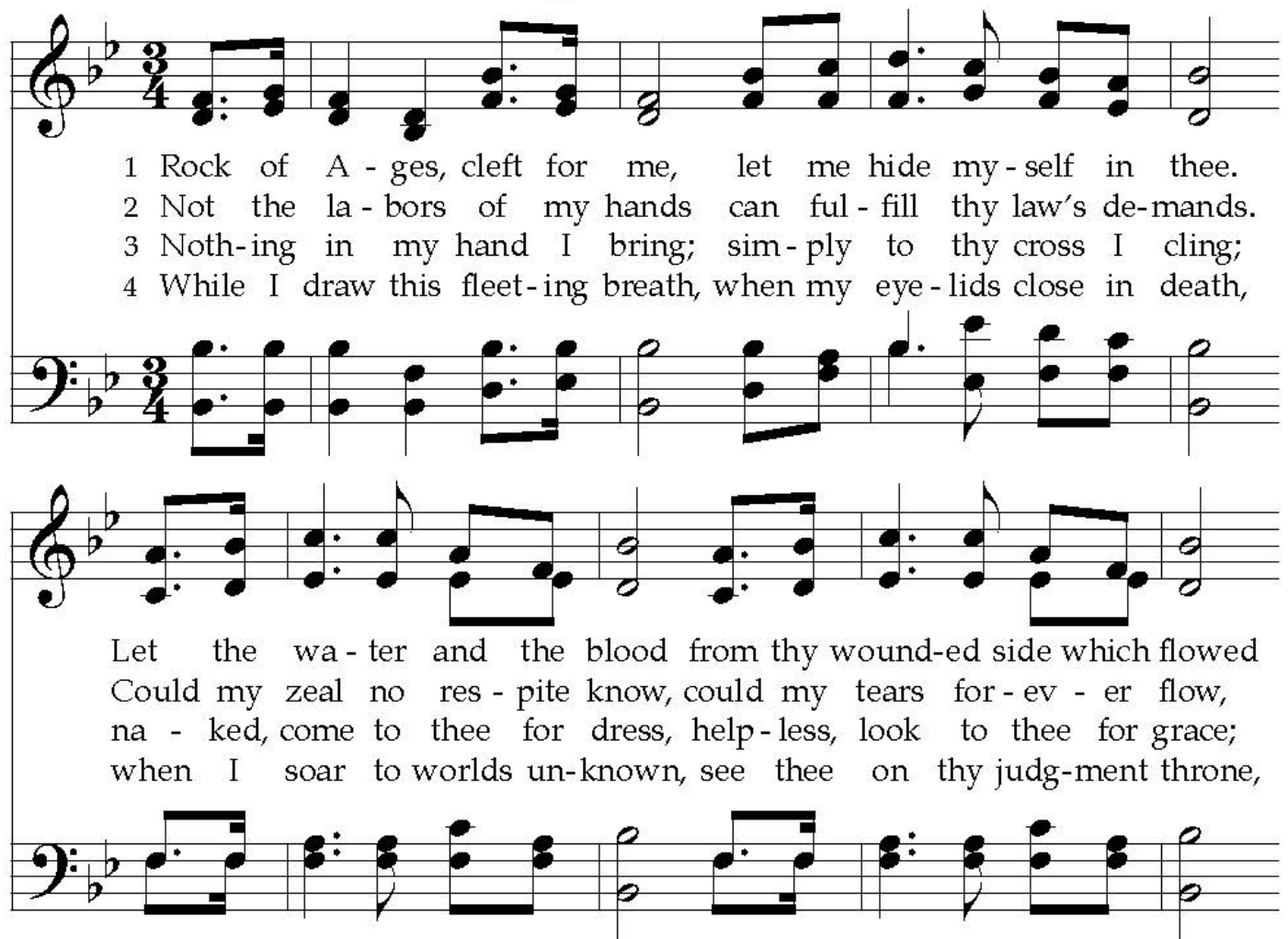
Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.

TOPLADY
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FORGIVENESS



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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 given in memory of Christopher Reisman by his sisters and brothers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Women's Bible Study- Tues. 11/4@ 11am, Library.
- Men's Bible Study – Thur. 10/23 @ 8:30 am, Lindsley.
- We love having little ones in worship with us! If you prefer, there is a nursery for infants & toddlers (Room 114/Education Wing). Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- Today @ 2pm "Blessing of the Animals!" All are welcome!

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. HS to adults. Contact: dkostner@lacny.org.

SERVICE

- Midnight Run. Join us at 4pm in Russell 11/8, 12/6

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THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Sunday School & Music Time
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
11:15 am Confirmation Class
2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orchestra (Carhart only)
6:00 pm Preschool – Back to School Night (Classrooms)
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00 pm Preschool – Back to School Night (Classrooms)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group 5th to 7th Grades :Pumpkin Decorating
6:00 pm Preschool – Back to School Night (Classrooms)
6:15 pm Youth Group 8th to 12th Grades :Pumpkin Carving
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
4:00pm West. Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel, Rm 202)
6:00 pm Preschool – Back to School Night(Classrooms)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00 pm Preschool – Back to School Night (Classrooms)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am WCC-Fall Retreat (Sanctuary)
2:00 pm Ragamuffin Parade & Party



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