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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

PRELUDE *Gather Us In* Edie Linneweber  
Ben Wien, piano

INTROIT *I Am the Way* Douglas Kostner  
*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 112)*

God has set before us the way of life,  
**May we grow into the beloved community.**  
God gave us the commandments, ordinances, and statutes,  
**May we live into God's ways of justice.**  
God sent Jesus, teaching us the fullness of God's love,  
**May we love our neighbor as ourselves.**  
God continues to speak to us through the Holy Spirit,  
**May we choose the way, the truth, and the life of Christ;**  
**May we draw closer to God in this time of worship.**

\*OPENING HYMN 401 "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wondrous God, we confess that we have forgotten the lessons we learned as children; how to play, how to laugh, how to love freely, how to share, how to let others know when we need comfort and healing, how to forgive, and how to continue learning. You sent us Your Son Jesus to teach us, but we have failed to internalize his teachings. Call us into accountability and help prepare us to learn anew Your lessons of love, compassion, and forgiveness. Teach us with wisdom how we may grow into Your beloved community and share the good news in all we do and speak. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI *Hymn 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.***

\*THE PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)* Phil Oldham

**O God, what the world says and what you say are often at odds. Set before us now your truth as we hear your Word and as we respond in faithful trust. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:22-25

*Pew Bible NT pg.4*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Rev. Claunch*

ANTHEM

*Awake, Awake, to Love and Work*

*Eric Thiman*

*Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,  
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.  
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze.  
To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously  
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Pew Bible NT pg.167*

SERMON “The One Who Plants and the One Who Waters”

*Rev. Claunch*

\*HYMN #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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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OFFERTORY

*Hymn of Promise*

*Arr. John Carter*

*(In the bulb there is a flower...)*

*Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Hymn 607*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all peoples here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN 301

“Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

*Postlude in C*

Jules Massenet

### MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are given by Paul Serenbetz in memory of his mother, Thelma R. Serenbetz. LAC's February Mission Trip team leaves a week from today to travel to Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico for a week-long border immersion trip with Frontera de Cristo. Keep them in your prayers and check the LAC Facebook page for updates on their adventures!

Rev. Bynum is away this week at an annual pastor's retreat.

#### *Welcome to Worship*

**Welcome** to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to worship together, both in person, and with folks joining via livestream.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the Office ([LACoffice@lacny.org](mailto:LACoffice@lacny.org)) to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Your voice and presence would be a gift in worship! If you would be willing to **assist as a liturgist**, please either follow the QR code or email the church office at [LACoffice@lacny.org](mailto:LACoffice@lacny.org).



#### *Christian Education*

**Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below. **There will not be nursery care available on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday School:** Kids ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go down to the Carhart Room following the Children's Message for today's Sunday School lesson. **There will not be Sunday School on February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**TGIF and SHIFT** will meet this Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Middle schoolers will gather from 5:00-6:00 pm to discuss the question “Why does God let bad things happen?” The high schoolers will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 pm to talk about what the immigration crisis means for us as people of faith, in preparation for the upcoming mission trip.

**Brown Bag Bible Study:** Beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Bynum will be hosting weekly Bible discussions on Wednesdays at noon in the Lindsley Room. Instead of a structured study, this will be an informal time for us to read the Bible together and share our thoughts and questions about what it means. Bring a lunch, bring a friend, or just bring yourself!

## THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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