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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

PRELUDE *Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auf* Johann Walther

INTROIT *Christ. Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Douglas Kostner

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph over the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

O Lord, you are a lover of justice,
You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
We praise your great and awesome name,
We come to worship you at your holy mountain.

*OPENING HYMN 666 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ...

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*) Sasha Nahr

God of transfiguring light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 24:12-18 *Pew Bible OT pg.70*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. Bynum*

ANTHEM

Jesus, My All, to Heaven is Gone
Slava Znatchenii, oboe

Howard Helvey

*Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more;
He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.
His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more;
The narrow way, till him I view, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible NT pg.18

SERMON "But it's So Much Nicer to be Comfortable"

Rev. Claunch

*HYMN #193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

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!

COMMISSIONING OF 2023 MISSION TRIP TEAM

Rev. Claunch

Congregational response:

We rejoice to recognize you as representatives of our church. You go with our Blessing and we hold you in our prayers as you seek to do God's work. We are grateful for your service and your commitment to the fight for justice. We pray that you and the people you will meet will experience the love of Christ that transcends all borders.

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 rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

Robert Vandall

*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 757

“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Claunch

POSTLUDE

Postlude
Ben Wien, organ

Caleb Simper

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s flowers are given by Sharon Popley, in memory of Wilbur Wright and William Dryden.

LAC’s February Mission Trip team leaves 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!

Both Rev. Bynum and Rev. Claunch will be away on the mission trip this week. Please continue to contact them for any immediate pastoral care needs, and notify your church officers of any other concerns.

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) 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.



Christian Education

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below. **However, there will not be nursery care available today and next Sunday, Feb. 26th.**

Sunday School: There is no Sunday School today, but we will see you next week! In the meantime, grab a Worship Wiggle Bag from the back of the sanctuary to help with those worship wiggles!

TGIF and SHIFT will not meet this week. Have a safe and fun winter break!

Brown Bag Bible Study: Beginning on March 1st, 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

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA (pcusa.org) and the Hudson River Presbytery (hudrivpres.org).

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