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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PRELUDE *Slane* Johann Walther  
Ben Wien, piano

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Return* Betty Roe  
*Come, come, let us return to the Lord, for our God will richly pardon.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 99)*

For forty days and forty nights,  
**led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.**  
For forty days and forty nights,  
**we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.**  
Let us worship God!

\*OPENING HYMN 165 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. With penitent hearts, we confess our transgressions to you. May your mercy find us in the wilderness...**

*Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI *Hymn 580*

***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)*

**God of glory, with penitent hearts we ask you now for the wisdom of your Word. Let your Spirit move in and through us, so that we might hear today's scripture with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 32 *Pew Bible OT pg.506*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

ANTHEM

*Hide Me Under the Shadow of Thy Wings*

John West

*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 4:1-11

*Pew Bible NT pg.3*

SERMON "Tempted in the Wilderness"

Rev. Bynum

\*HYMN #783

"When We Are Tested"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. 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

*Jesus Paid it All*

Robert Vandall

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 440

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

*Aberystwyh*

Healey Willan

## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Welcome to Worship*

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

**Today's bulletin cover** is "Christ in the Wilderness" by Moretto da Brescia (Alessandro Bonvicino), circa 1515–20.

**Today's sanctuary flowers** are sponsored by the congregation of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, in honor of and with gratitude for the LAC congregation, Session, and Rev. Bynum.

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:** Due to a staff absence, no nursery care is available today.

**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. See you soon!

**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!

### *Save the Dates*

**Day of Service:** Saturday, March 25 (morning)

**Rummage Sale:** Saturday, April 22 – Saturday, April 29 (hours TBD)

**Vacation Bible School:** Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30 (9 am – 12 pm)

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