



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The Vision of Larchmont Church is to be a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive church that follows Jesus Christ.*

**August 31, 2025**

†Please stand as you are able

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Prelude

*Praeludium*

Christlieb Siegmund Binder

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn

*How Great Thou Art*

No. 77

†Call To Worship

Liz Smith, Worship Leader

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness

**People: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.**

Leader: Rising even out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

**People: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**

Leader: Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God.

**People: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we are awed and humbled by your gracious presence among us. Who are we in the shadow of your great majesty? You who formed us, you who know the numbers of hairs on our heads, you open to us the riches of your kingdom. Your love and mercy, forgiveness and peace, comfort and protection are not withheld from us but are poured out in abundance. Thank you for loving us with an everlasting love. Renew us and heal us by that love that we might live as your daughters and sons. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

Solo

***Trust in You***

Daigle, Farren, Marbury

Lisa Hogan, mezzo soprano

*Letting go of every single dream;  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wandering  
never changes what You see  
I've tried to win this war, I  
confess my hands are weary, I  
need Your rest*

*Mighty warrior, King of the fight  
no matter what I face, You're by  
my side*

*When You don't move the  
mountains I'm needing You to  
move*

*When You don't part the waters I  
wish I could walk through*

*When You don't give the answers  
as I cry out to You*

*I will trust, I will trust, I will  
trust in You*

*Truth is, You know what  
tomorrow brings; there's not a  
day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and  
breath I want what You want,  
Lord, and nothing less*

*When You don't move the  
mountains I'm needing You to  
move*

*When You don't part the waters I  
wish I could walk through*

*When You don't give the answers  
as I cry out to You*

*I will trust, I will trust, I will  
trust in You; I will trust in You*

*You are my strength and comfort;  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation; the  
rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher;  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood*

*When You don't move the  
mountains I'm needing You to  
move*

*When You don't part the waters I  
wish I could walk through*

*When You don't give the answers  
as I cry out to You*

*I will trust, I will trust, I will  
trust in You*

Children's Message

Cathy Coleman

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 13:1-3a, 17-33 (NRSV-UE)

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Scripture Response

***A Wilderness Wandering People***

No. 3113

Lisa Hogan and Karla Robinson

Sermon

***"Caleb - The Minority Report"***

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn

*Through the Night of Dark and Sorrow*

Words below

TUNE: BEECHER

*Through the night of doubt and sorrow*

*Onward goes the pilgrim band,*

*Singing songs of expectation,*

*Marching to the promised land.*

*Clear before us through the darkness*

*Gleams and burns the guiding light:*

*Brother clasps the hand of brother,*

*Stepping fearless through the night.*

*One the light of God's own presence,*

*O'er His ransomed people shed,*

*Chasing far the gloom and terror,*

*Bright'ning all the path we tread.*

*One the object of our journey,*

*One the faith which never tires,*

*One the earnest looking forward,*

*One the hope our God inspires.*

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

**Dear Heavenly Father, as we build for the future today,  
may our gifts shine Your light and show Your way.  
Help us to serve as living stones,  
our work to be your vibrant home. Amen.**

Offertory

*Elevation*

Louis Vierne

†Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 94

†Closing Hymn

*Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

No. 671

†Benediction (from Romans 15:5-6)

Leader: Now, may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement  
grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to  
Christ Jesus,

People: **so that with one purpose and one voice, we may glorify the God  
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

†Postlude

*Chorale*

Rob Frenzel

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
8:35 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Monday, September 1, 2025

**CLOSED for Labor Day**

### Tuesday, September 2, 2025

7:00 p.m. Legacy Giving Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Larchmont Ringers  
6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
8:35 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship



Use this QR code to give online using your phone.

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### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The 10am Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 3rd with John Ortberg's *Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable JESUS*. Join us in the parlor as we explore how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world and how we can too. This study will run through October 1st. For questions, please contact Jonathan Clark, [clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com).

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### Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will kick off the fall with a meeting on Sept 7 11:30. Lunch is \$5. We enjoy a meal and will be making blankets for the nursing home. Please RSVP to Traci Shepard by Sept 3. [andrew.shepard1@cox.net](mailto:andrew.shepard1@cox.net)

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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

August 31, 2025



The altar flowers are placed on the alter today to the Glory of God and in celebration of Adam Landon's birthday by Cheryl Colegrove-Landon.

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### PHISHING (email) AND SMISHING (text) SCAMS NOTICE

Don't get scammed! Pastor Fran will NEVER text you or email you about buying gift cards or spending your money for the church. Any requests of that kind are coming from "fake" email addresses and phone numbers that are not Fran's. When you get a message from Fran, be sure to read the email or phone number carefully. Fran's email is [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org) ONLY. Fran's phone number is (757) 630-7412 ONLY. If you are ever unsure about a request made by Fran, message her through the above means to verify that the request is authentic. Pastor Fran cannot stop these scam emails from happening; people are using her name and title to scam others. The people who do this are crafty, so beware!

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### Pumpkins are coming on Sept. 21!

LUMC will once again be hosting its annual Pumpkin Patch from Sept 21 - Oct 31 (or until pumpkins run out)! Join us for pumpkins, gourds, sweet treats and more, Mon - Sun, 11am - 6:30pm.

Want to help? We need volunteers for unloading the truck on Sept 21 starting at 12:30pm. Or sign up to help run the patch! LUMC partners with Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, which cultivates 1,200 acres of land on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, NM. All proceeds go to the Missions Committee to fund local and international charity projects.

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### Anchor Men's Fellowship is returning from Summer Vacation!

Our next Anchor Men's Fellowship Meeting is at 6:00pm, Thurs, Sept 11. We'll enjoy a great dinner and fellowship, catching up on summer activities. During the meeting we will be discussing our annual calendar and activities. We're always looking for new ideas! Dinner remains \$10 per person and our meetings and activities are always open to the public. Bring a friend or neighbor. Contact Gary Chiaverotti ([chiaverotti@aol.com](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)) or Jonathan Clark ([clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com)) to "reserve" your seat!

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### **Meet-n-Eat: Sept 9 & 10 at 9am**

Preschool parents along with infants and toddlers are invited to the Meet-n-Eat on Tues, Sept 9, at 9:00am and/or Wed, Sept 10, at 9:00am. Come to the Great Room upstairs about the preschool hallway. You can take the staircase or the elevator and select 2F. This will be an opportunity to meet other preschool parents and fellowship while enjoying breakfast drinks, pastries and fruit. Plan to join us!

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### **James Monroe ES Back to School Night**

Come help us give out snacks and drinks at Monroe Elementary School's back to school night on Thursday evening Sept 11<sup>th</sup>!

Contact Beth, [bethvinson1956@gmail.com](mailto:bethvinson1956@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

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### **Larchmont UMC NOW HIRING – Financial Secretary**

This part-time, hourly position requires about 6-8 hours a week, including Mondays, from 9-11am and other flex hours for completion of weekly work. Duties include: documenting all church gifts and revenues; scheduling and managing a team of volunteers who count and record all physically received income; posting giving through our church giving software and computer systems; providing special reports and information to church staff and committees; protecting the confidentiality of the donors; answering donor inquiries and consulting with potential donors regarding contribution methods; and supporting the Stewardship and Capital campaigns, memorial, endowment, and special contribution funds. The Financial Secretary reports to the Lead Pastor and Staff-Parish Relations Committee, works closely with the Church Bookkeeper and Church Treasurer, and consults and reports with the Finance Committee.

To apply for this position, contact the Lead Paster, Rev. Fran Cooper, [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

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**Current Worship Series –  
Encourage One Another Daily**  
A biblical tour de force through the Christian gift of ENCOURAGEMENT—  
**one of the greatest needs and offerings we have as human beings.**  
**Our study brings us into faithful servants of God such as Gideon, Caleb, Joshua, James and Barnabas. They have life lessons for us today!**

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### **Funday Sunday**

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual **Funday Sunday**. We will have one worship service at 10:30am, and then a big community tent-party on our beautiful Greenspace. There will be delicious food, lawn games, an inflatable waterslide, and many other fun activities for all. To enable this amazing party, the Fellowship Committee is asking for help in set-up, food handling, take down, and other needs. Scan this QR code to register as a volunteer!





## Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday</b> <b>August 31, 2025</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>September 7, 2025</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Liz Smith	Liz Smith
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Cathy Coleman	Cathy Hickman
<b>Media Tech</b>	Suzanne Koehler	Wina Giddens
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Jeff Paiste	Bill Huber
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Clarise Hicks	Jeff Paiste
<b>Trustee of the Month</b>	Henry Cobb	Ron Vinson
<b>Sunday Counters</b>	Brian Casey	Robert King
	Jonathan Clark	Ed Lilly
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Chris Burge	Watt Jones
	Demi Wheeler	Robert King
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Dave Lannetti	Robert Baxter
<b>Ushers</b>	Jonathan Clark	Jonathan Clark
	Brian Casey	Laura Calvert
	Rob Baxter	Chris Calvert
	Gary Chiaverotti	Brian Casey

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