



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

August 16, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude Selection from *Meditation IV (il est! / He is!)* Olivier Messiaen
Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* No. 108

†Call To Worship Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because God has called us to proclaim good news to the poor.

People: We come ready to hear good news and to share it with others.

Leader: God has sent us to proclaim freedom for those who are captive, and recovery of sight to those who cannot see.

People: Open our eyes, Lord, to see where freedom and healing are needed.

Leader: God calls us to set the oppressed free and to proclaim that the time of God's grace has come.

People: We receive God's grace, and we will become people of grace.

Leader: Jesus reminds us that God's love reaches beyond our boundaries, beyond our comfort zones, and beyond the people we think deserve it.

People: Make our hearts wide enough to welcome all whom God loves.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

People: Then let us worship the God who brings good news, freedom, healing, and grace!

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Open our hearts, renew our minds, and send us into the world as people who live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for the Day

Holy God, thank You that Jesus lived His life in the power of the Holy Spirit as the perfect example of how we should live our lives. We pray to walk in spirit and truth and submit each day to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit, in total dependence upon You. AMEN

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Solo

O for the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

Sarah Kingsley, soprano

O, for the wings, for the wings of a dove! Far away, far away would I rove.

O, for the wings, for the wings of a dove! Far away, far away would I rove.

In the wilderness, build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

In the wilderness, build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

In the wilderness, build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

And remain there forever at rest and remain there forever at rest.

Message from James Monroe Elementary School

Ms. Jade Fleming, Principal

Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:14-28 (NIV)

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Jesus, the Prophet"

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn

O Young and Fearless Prophet

No. 444

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

Improvisation on EBENEZER

Will Pearson

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia.**Praise God, the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

†Closing Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

No. 2153

†Benediction

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Benediction Response

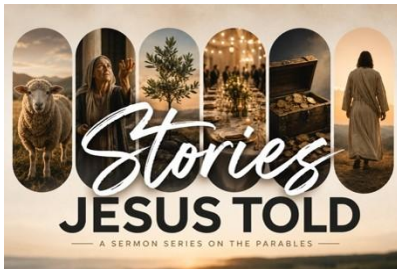
†Postlude

Selection from *Prophecies from Koranisqatsi*

Philip Glass

Rev. Fran will be on Study/Renewal Leave from August 17 to September 27.

As she begins her sixth year at LUMC and her 37th year in full-time ministry, the leave will give her an opportunity to power down briefly before beginning another busy year here. A variety of guest preachers will be filling in, including Fran's niece from a new church start in Northern VA, the Chaplain of ODU Wesley Foundation, our District Superintendent, and a few of our own church local favorites. During this time, our Pastor of Visitation, Rev. Dave Loughery, will be available for pastoral care. Safe travels and relaxing times – the pumpkins will be here when you return!

Stories Jesus Told - 6 Week Sermon Series beginning August 23

Jesus often taught through parables—simple stories that revealed deep truths about God and His Kingdom. These stories challenged people's hearts, invited faith, and called listeners to see the world through God's eyes. In this series, *Stories Jesus Told*, we will explore some of Jesus' best-known parables and discover their timeless message for our lives today. Though spoken centuries

ago, these stories continue to confront, encourage, and transform all who will listen. May we hear Jesus' words with open hearts and allow His stories to shape our faith and our daily lives.



Join the Anchor Men for food and fellowship at Orapax restaurant at noon Saturday, Aug. 22. Please contact Jonathan Clark, clarkjon1058@gmail.com, if you plan to attend so that we have an accurate count. Bring a friend.



Larchmont United Methodist Preschool is now enrolling. We have availability in our PreK4 classes and would love to be your child's first school experience. Please contact Meg Ditty at lumpschool@gmail.com with questions and to schedule a tour. We would LOVE to Welcome you to LUMPS!

Upcoming Youth Activities



Sunday, August 30 ALL YOUTH Funday Sunday
Saturday, Sept 12 – Middle School Meet-Up Doumar's – 5pm
Sunday, Sept 20 – Noon Crew (11:30)
Middle School Retreat Sept 25-27 (OOTB)

Contact Monica Levow for more information -
inohuam@gmail.com



Pumpkins are coming! We are expecting pumpkins on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m. The patch will be open every day until Nov. 1. We are looking for volunteers to help with unloading and working the patch. Sign-Up Genius link to come.

It's Back to School Time!

We will be celebrating it with the staff at Monroe elementary school by providing them a salad luncheon on Wednesday, August 19, at noon. **Please volunteer to help serve** by contacting Beth Vinson, bethvinson1956@gmail.com or text 757-635-5347.

Our Choir and Handbells are resuming rehearsals and we want YOU!



We have some vacancies in the handbells and we would love to welcome more of you into the choir. Come and try it out for a couple of weeks, I know you'll love it.

Please join us up in the choir room Wednesday, Aug 19, 6-7pm Handbells and 7:30-9pm Choir.

Any questions, please let Karla know:
music@Larchmontumc.org

Adult Education Opportunities Coming in September



Wednesday Morning Study - History of Christianity
(Luke Timothy Johnson)
Upper Room Class – fall study - History of Christianity
Coffee Talk Class – Love Does series by Bob Goff :-)

Please join the Prayer Group Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Gary Chiaverotti for more information - chiaverotti@aol.com

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 24
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Wednesday, August 19, 2026

noon	Salad luncheon for Monroe Elementary Staff
6:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 22, 2026

8:30 a.m.	Back to School LAUNCH Mission Service Project
noon	Anchor Men lunch at Orapax

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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
6:00 p.m.	Music on the Greenspace

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Women's Fellowship Pop Up Service Project **Today** 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
Light refreshments. Contact: Traci andrew.shepard1@cox.net

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

August 16, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Luke 4:14-28 (NIV)



SPRC Staff Spotlight

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is very important to the ministries of our church and the committee felt it was important to recognize them.

For August, we are recognizing our Pastor of Visitation, Dave Loughery, a Pennsylvania native who served local churches there and served as a District Superintendent. He also worked for non-profits advocating for affordable housing and providing resources for local churches.

Dave's job includes:

- Visiting members who cannot attend Sunday services
- Visiting the sick and those in hospital
- Coordinating, planning, and recruiting lay members for visitation
- Dave also participates in leading worship, prayer, and preaching

Outside of LUMC, Dave enjoys:

- Spending time with his family. His wife Jill works as an acupuncturist and they live in Portsmouth. Together, they have four children and seven grandchildren.
- Golfing
- Gardening, and
- Playing family games, including cards!

Thank you, Dave!



Trustees need help on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. to do yard maintenance work to prepare for Funday Sunday and the new school year. We will be cutting back trees and bushes, weeding, picking up trash, and maybe some power washing. Bring trimming tools, rakes and garden gloves. Contact Kami Lannetti at klannetti@gmail.com to help out.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday August 16, 2026	Next Sunday August 23, 2026
Worship Leader	Gary Chiaverotti	Jonathan Clark
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Wina Giddens
	Lucas Seymour	Sara Morris
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Bill Huber
Camera Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Security Trustee	Ben Hatcher	Kami Lannetti
Sunday Stewards	Dave Lannetti	Robert King
	Ed Lilly	Jonathan Clark
Monday Counters	Gary Chiaverotti	GM Ziller
	Laura Fitzwilliam	Gordon Glover
Bus Driver	John Fitzwilliam	Rob Baxter
Ushers	Ben Hatcher	Rob Baxter
	William LeHew	William LeHew
	Monica Levow	Gary Chiaverotti
	Kami Lannetti	Traci Shepard

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Music Director	Karla Robinson; music@larchmontumc.org
Organist	Will Pearson; wpearson@odu.edu
Financial Secretary	Rita Turner; giving@larchmontumc.org
Bookkeeper	Amber Pickrell, bookkeeping@larchmontumc.org
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Children's Ministry Director	Cathy Hickman; education@larchmontumc.org
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835LIVE Worship Leader	Dai Poole; worshipleader@larchmontumc.org
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Housekeeper	Robert Ragland