



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 26, 2023 10:30 am

5th Sunday in Lent

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>Prelude in C Major</i>	Vincent Lübeck
Announcements and Greetings		
†Passing of the Peace		
†Processional Hymn	<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>	No. 513
†Bringing in the Light of Christ		
†Introit	<i>Come, Let Us Gather</i>	Mark Neige
†Call To Worship		Beth Vinson, Worship Leader
Leader: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.		
People: But the Spirit of God will bring strength and continuity to our lives.		
Leader: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.		
People: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.		
Leader: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.		
People: Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear. AMEN.		

Prayer for the Day

Strengthening and empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy and circumstances – even death - can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Anthem *The Best of Rooms* Randall Thompson

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes to feed or lodge,
to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice;
grant Him the nobler part of all the house:
the best of all's the heart.*

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 6:10-18 (NRSVUE) Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Cathy Coleman

Breakthrough Prayer

God, please break through the barriers we set up, and show us how to become the vibrant, engaging, inclusive church community you call us to be. Amen

Sermon *"Strong Through the Struggle"* Pastor Fran Cooper
(Worship Series: Jesus in the Wild)

†Hymn *Come Out the Wilderness* No. 416

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory *Forest Green* Richard Purvis

†Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95
(OLD 100th)

†Closing Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* No. 419

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

†Postlude

Nunc Dimittis

Toccata in D Minor

Chimaera Glen

Max Reger

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SAVE THE DATES

Farewell Reception for
Michael G. Regan
Sunday, April 23, 11:30 a.m.

Welcome Concert & Reception for
Dr. Heekyung Lee
Sunday, May 21, 4pm

Assisting in Worship

This Sunday

March 26, 2023

Beth Vinson

Cathy Coleman

Suzanne Koehler

Next Sunday

April 2, 2023

Dave Lannetti

Pastor Fran

Sara Morris

Jeff Paiste

Worship Leaders

Children's Worship

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Sound Tech

Sunday Counters

Monday Counters

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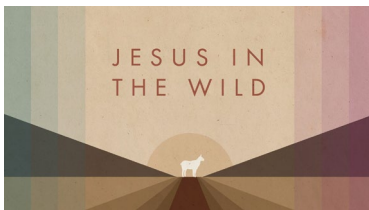
Susan Pollard

Jonathan Clark

Dave Lannetti

Our Mission is to »»

- .. Help seekers to begin in faith.
- .. Help believers to grow in faith.
- .. Help the community to thrive in faith.



Worship Series for Lent -- Jesus in the Wild

There is, perhaps, no more unusual story in the Gospels than the story of Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-14). The story of Jesus in the wild is another name for those untamed places where we confront temptation and evil along our own

journeys. Our focus for these six sermons will have implications for understanding our own calling in the world, and what it means to start with who and whose we are before we talk about what we do. Each sermon will focus on one lesson we can learn from the story of Jesus in the desert and has the goal of moving the disciple toward hope: hope that recognizes that Jesus understands what it means to be in a place of vulnerability, coming out of his wilderness season "in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14).

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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
5:30 p.m. Lenten Study and Supper
6:00 p.m. Beacon Youth Group

Monday, March 27, 2023

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's house
7:00 p.m. Admin Council

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. 8:35LIVE Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 30, 2023

9:30 a.m. M is for Mama Book Study

Saturday, April 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. Easter Extravaganza!
Free Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt
12:00 p.m. Palm Cross Party

Sunday, April 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY

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

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

March 26, 2023

Hospital Prayer List

Please notify the church office if you know of someone in the hospital.

Palm Cross Party

Please join us in making palm crosses on Saturday, April 1st at 12:00 pm following the Easter Egg Hunt. Snacks will be provided.

Women's Fellowship April 2nd at 11:30 am

Lunch and speaker, Kami Lannetti. \$5 for lunch. RSVP by March 30th

Church-Wide Lenten Study, All Ages

Sunday, March 26

This Sunday evening, we gather as a church community for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

At 6 p.m., adults, youth, and children will break off into their respective groups to study the themes in Dan Wilt's book, *Jesus in the Wild*, which coordinates with our weekly Sunday worship topics.

Beacon Youth will meet at tonight at 6pm to stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt on April 1st! Come eat dinner at 530pm if you want!

Easter Morning Breakfast - join us!

The Upper Room and Coffee Talk adult Sunday School classes are hosting a continental breakfast on Easter morning between the 8:35 Live and 10:30 services in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and share some food and fellowship as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.



Financial Education Series Continues - Legal Documents everyone should have.

Everyone should have, **at a minimum**, three documents: **a Will and two types of Advance Directives**, a Power of Attorney for Health Care and a "Living Will." Your Will covers distribution of property and wealth at death. Advance Directives lets other people know the types of medical care you

do and do not want in the event you are unable to express your wishes on your own. Want to know more about these important documents? **We'll be hosting a Wills & Trusts Seminar covering these topics Wednesday, April. 26th. During May, we'll link you to attorneys that will help you draft and execute a Will and Advanced Directives.** Details will follow. If you want more information now, contact, our Endowment Committee Chair, Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com).

Use this QR code to give online using your phone.



Join us for Sunday School!

- Children ages 2-4 meet downstairs in the preschool wing (E103)
- Children K-5th grade meet upstairs in the Great Room (E201)
- Coffee Talk - meets downstairs in the Parlor
- Upper Room - meets upstairs in room A201

We wish to thank all of you who have given to the UMCOR - Turkey/Syria Earthquake Special Offering.

We have received to date, \$2125.00. As you know, Turkey & Syria have suffered greatly from multiple major earthquakes during extreme winter weather and are greatly in need of help for the many left displaced. Today is the last day to donate through Larchmont UMC. If you wish to still donate, please be sure to mark your check and offering envelope with UMCOR EARTHQUAKE. Or if you give online, please be sure to scroll down and specify your gift for Missions Projects and type the note, 'UMCOR Earthquake'.



Earthquake Offering



Holy Week at Larchmont UMC

Sunday, April 2nd

Palm Sunday Worship Services with Communion
8:35LIVE Service
10:30 a.m. Service with Procession of Palms

Thursday, April 6th

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:30 pm

Friday, April 7th

Good Friday Service at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9th Easter!

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am in Triangle Park, Larchmont
Contemporary Service at 8:35 am in the Fellowship Hall
Easter Breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Traditional Service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Live butterfly release at 10:00 am in the Green Space

Please bring flowers to adorn our cross on Holy Saturday or Easter Morning. The cross is located on the Monroe Place lawn.

The Missions Team is sponsoring a "Free Store" at the nursing home on Llewellyn Avenue on April 12th. Residents choose something to keep from a variety of new items. The residents have limited income and really enjoy large print word search books, makeup, cologne, snacks, soft drinks, jewelry, men's stocking hats, socks, lotion, and small toys. There are baskets throughout the church (the same ones used for Pajamarama) for donations of small, new items.