



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

August 30, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Gioioso* Tim Waugh

Handbells, Larchmont Ringers

Announcements and Greetings

Dave Laughery

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 158

†Call To Worship Dave Laughery, Worship Leader

Leader: In the midst of fear and anger; in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.

People: With everything else going on, who has time for a feast? We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.

Leader: In the midst of our anxiety, our worry; in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.

People: We are tempted to just grab a bite, a sandwich between errands, a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email, or working on today's big project.

Leader: The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!

ALL: We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy. How will we respond?

Prayer for the Day

Gracious God, in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence – saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare – a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul. We come with joy to meet You here, to taste and see Your goodness, to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives. May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions as we worship together in Your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Beth Givens

The Lord's Prayer

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

¹⁶ But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.

¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'

¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'

²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'

²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

He Never Failed Me

Robert Ray

Soloist, Lisa Hogan / Drums, Russell Scarborough / Bass, Eldon Scully / Piano, Will Pearson

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I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He give me power.

I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve Him no matter what the test.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

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I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

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Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?

And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

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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, Rev. David Loughery, a PA native who served local churches there and served as a DS. He also worked for non-profits.

Dave's job at LUMC 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 family: wife Jill and between them 4 children and 7 grandchildren
- Golfing
- Gardening
- Playing family games, including cards!

Thank you, Dave!



Please join us for food and fellowship at the Anchor Men's first dinner meeting of the fall on Thursday, September 10th @ 6pm in the fellowship hall. Our speaker is Joel Coleman, Director of Camp Occohannock on the Eastern Shore. Please contact Jonathan Clark, clarkjon1058@gmail.com, or Gary Chiaverotti, chiaverotti@aol.com, to reserve your spot. Dinner is still \$10. The program is open to all and starts at roughly 6:45pm. Bring a friend.



The Education Committee is collecting the fall addresses of all college students. Please email your college student's new address for September, 2026 to education@larchmontumc.org. Thank you.



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!



Adult Education Opportunities Coming in September

Wednesday Morning Study - History of Christianity (Luke Timothy Johnson)

Upper Room Class – History of Christianity
Coffee Talk Class – Love Does series by Bob Goff

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to serve lunch as we celebrated with the staff at Monroe elementary school on Wednesday, August 19. It was a wonderful way to start the new school year.

**Thank you,
Beth Vinson**



Get out your lawn chairs and coolers, we are back for another season of Music on the Greenspace! Join us for a free outdoor concert starting at 6pm. We will have free hot dogs and all are welcome (even your well-behaved dogs on a leash). On September 20th, we welcome 'The Olde James River Jazz Band.' Mark your calendars for this future event.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service
11:30 a.m. FUNDAY SUNDAY on the Greenspace

Monday, August 31, 2026

7:00 p.m. Larchmont Edgewater Civic League

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 24

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

Use this QR code to give online using your phone. →



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,

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

August 30, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Luke 14:15-24 (ESV)

REV. FRAN IS ON STUDY/RENEWAL LEAVE AUG. 17 TO SEPT. 27

As she begins her sixth year at LUMC and her 37th year in full-time ministry, this leave will give her an opportunity to power down briefly before beginning another busy year here. While she's away, a variety of guest preachers will be filling in and Rev. Dave Loughery will be available for pastoral care.

**WELCOME TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:
District Superintendent F. Elizabeth Givens**

Coastal Virginia District Superintendent F. Elizabeth (Beth) Givens was ordained an Elder in 1997. Born in Appalachia and raised in Richmond, Virginia, Beth was baptized at Lebanon Memorial UMC and confirmed at Bon Air UMC. Her sending church for ministry was Wesley Memorial UMC, where she belonged as a college student at the University of Virginia, while active at the Wesley Foundation. After college, Beth graduated from the Candler School of Theology and has served 5 prior appointments over the last 31 years. Beth is the mom of two young adult daughters, Kate and Abby. She loves building things with Legos, playing her Switch, reading and traveling.

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 Wednesdays
6-7pm for Handbells and 7:30-9pm for Choir.**

Any questions, contact Karla: music@Larchmontumc.org

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

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*He never failed me, He never failed me yet.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet*

Sermon

***The Wedding Banquet
"Open Invitation"***

Rev. Beth Givens

†Response Hymn ***Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*** (vs 1,2,5) No. 339

Celebrating Our Offerings

Dave Laughery, Worship Leader

Offering Prayer (in 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

Standing on the Promises of God
Brickhouse Band

Russel Carter

†Doxology ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*** No. 94

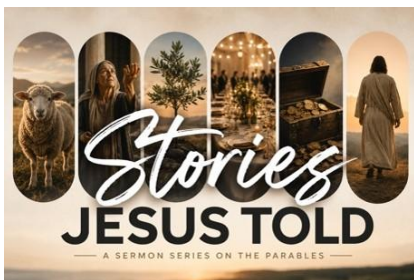
†Closing Hymn ***What a Mighty God We Serve*** No. 3016 (W&S)

†Benediction Rev. Beth Givens

†Benediction Response ***What a Mighty Reprise*** arr. Jackson Henry
Brickhouse Band

†Postlude ***Praeludium in G***, BWV 568 J. S. Bach

Stories Jesus Told: Six-Week Sermon Series from August 23 to September 27



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.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday August 30, 2026	Next Sunday September 6, 2026
Worship Leader	David Loughery	Brian Casey
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Sara Morris
	Lucas Seymour	Wina Giddens
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Security Trustee	Kami Lannetti	Gene Levow
Sunday Stewards	Ed Lilly	Ed Lilly
	Pris Peake	Sandra Clark
Monday Counters	Watt Jones	Demi Wheeler
	Robert King	Gary Chiaverotti
Bus Driver	Rob Baxter	
Ushers	Traci Shepard	Jonathan Clark
	Monica Levow	Laura Calvert
	Dave Lannetti	Chris Calvert
	Kami Lannetti	Gary Chiaverotti

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