



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

September 20, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
†Please stand as you are able

Prelude Selection from *Master Tallis's Testament* Herbert Howells
Announcements and Greetings Sandra Nichols: Worship Leader
†Passing the Peace
†Bringing in the Light of Christ
†Processional Hymn *O Church of God, United* No. 547
†Call To Worship Sandra Nichols: Worship Leader
Leader: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.
People: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!
Leader: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.
People: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.
Leader: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.
**People: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to
serve. AMEN.**

Prayer for the Day Sandra Nichols: Worship Leader

Lord, you place before us the images of the small--the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure--and remind us that we, though we think of ourselves as small, are not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in thankful remembrance of the ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives. AMEN

Prayers of the People Rev. Joshua McCauley
The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13: 18-19 (CEB)

Sandra Nichols: Worship Leader

18 Jesus asked, “What is God’s kingdom like? To what can I compare it?

19 It’s like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in a garden. It grew and developed into a tree and the birds in the sky nested in its branches.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Michael Burkhardt

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe Him near.*

*We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God".*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near,
and seek where You are found.*

*Lord when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light We may behold You as You are,
with full and endless sight. Alleluia.*

Breakthrough Prayer

Sandra Nichols: Worship Leader

**Lord, 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

“Getting the Little Things Right”

Rev. Joshua McCauley

†Response Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

No. 534

Celebrating Our Offerings

Sandra Nichols: 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.**

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m. Nursery
8:35 a.m. 835LIVE Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
9:30 a.m.. Women's Fellowship Pop-Up Service Project
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday September 21, 2026

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday September 22, 2026

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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

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11:30 a.m. **Pumpkins Arrive**
6:00 p.m. **Music on the Greenspace**

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



Please Donate to help the People in Nepal!

Larchmont UMC is collecting funds to help our neighbors in Nepal. We are helping through the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), who is providing emergency aid to families affected by the catastrophic late-august 2026 flash floods and landslides along the Nepal-Tibet border. You can donate using the QR code or the

link: https://larchmont.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2387005 Thank you.



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

September 20, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Luke 13: 18-19

WELCOME TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Joshua McCauley



Rev. Joshua McCauley is a graduate of Shenandoah University and Wesley Theological Seminary. He and his wife Liz are blessed to have two children (Addie and Colton). Rev. McCauley serves as the Director and Campus Minister for WesleyODU. In his free time Rev. McCauley enjoys woodworking, Commanders football, and anything outdoors.



The Pumpkin Patch is back! From Sept. 27- Oct. 31, join Missions in selling pumpkins, gourds, and baked goods to raise funds for LUMC's Missions projects and benefit a Native American reservation. **We're looking for help unloading the truck starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 27, as well as daily help with sales.** Never sold before? Experienced Pumpkin Patch volunteers will be happy to show you how to set up, break down, assist customers, judge pumpkin and gourd prices, and use our tablet for transactions. This is a great way to get up close and personal with the community and let people know all the wonderful things LUMC does!



You can sign up for unloading, set up, breakdown and two-hour selling shifts using the QR code or the link:

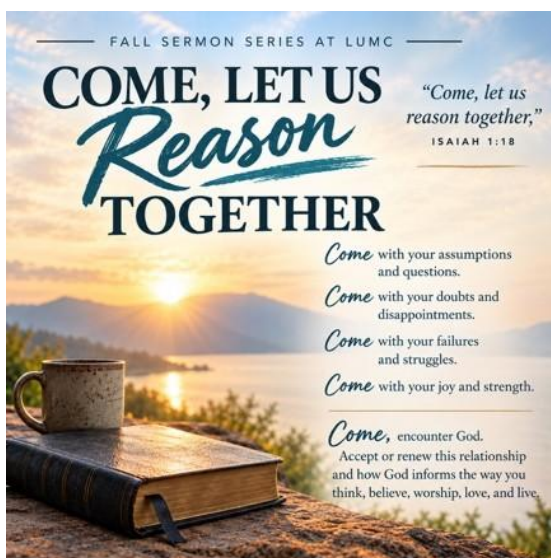
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9AC2BA0FAC43-65527385-pumpkin>

Don't forget we also need baked goods!



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.

Offertory	Improvisation on <i>Be Still, My Soul</i>	Will Pearson
†Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 94
†Closing Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	No. 2212
†Benediction		Rev. Joshua McCauley
†Benediction Response	<i>My Life Flows on (Refrain)</i>	No. 2212
†Postlude	<i>Fugue in A Minor BWV543</i>	JS Bach



COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER

God invites us all- “Come, let us reason together” (Isaiah 1:18).

The first relationship in the Bible is between humankind and God, our Creator. All other encounters in scripture flow from relationship. Have you answered this call to relationship? God says, “Come.”

This fall we renew this personal relationship from which all others flow. God is inviting us as we are-

- Come with your assumptions and questions.
- Come with your doubts and disappointments.
- Come with your failures and struggles.
- Come with your joy and strength.

Come, encounter God. Accept or renew this relationship and how God informs the way you think, believe, worship, love, and live.



LUMC Food Locker **Cereal Donations Are Still Needed!**

Did you know you can bring food donations anytime to the church office Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm. If you prefer to donate funds rather than food, please write a check made out to LUMC and enter "Food Locker" on the memo line. We use cash to buy food from the Foodbank. **Thank you for supporting the Food Locker.**

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



September 20th: Pop Up Service Project: Join us in making blankets in the Fellowship Hall before the 10:30 worship service. For more information contact Traci at andrew.shepard1@cox.net

October 4th: Women's Fellowship Lunch and program at 11:30 after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$5.



Come Join Us on Sept 27th at 6 p.m. for our last concert of the season!

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers, as we welcome **The Olde James River Jazz Band** for our final concert of the season of Music on the Greenspace! We will have free hot dogs and all are welcome (even your well-behaved dogs on a leash). Mark your calendars for this future event.

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 September, we are recognizing our Alternative Worship Leader, Dai Poole. Dai (Pronounced "Day") comes from a deeply musical family and found his voice early singing in the gospel choir at his grandfather's church. A graduate of Salem High School's Performing Arts Academy, Dai continued his vocal training at Virginia Tech, earning a degree in

Psychology and Music with a concentration in vocal performance. He also earned a Master's Degree in Applied Industrial-Organizational Psychology from George Mason University. A lover of all styles of music, Dai enjoys blending genres and finding ways to challenge his voice to create sounds inspired by everything from gospel to classical to contemporary worship.

Dai's job includes;

- Planning and assisting in leading our weekly 8:35 LIVE worship service.
- Provide administrative oversight to aspects of the 8:35 LIVE service including, but not limited to music production and presentation.
- Bring spiritual leadership to worship with the goal to enhance the message and bring participants closer to God and one another.
- Plan and conduct weekly rehearsals with musicians, vocalists and other volunteers taking part in the worship service.



Save the Date!

Join us for a fun evening on October 11th, as we celebrate Octoberfest with Brats, Beer & the Oompah Band. The event starts at 5pm in the Social Hall.

RSVP is requested.

Roll out the barrel! we'll have a barrel of fun!

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday September 20, 2026	Next Sunday September 27, 2026
Worship Leader	Sandra Nichols	Gary Chiaverotti
Media Tech	Sara Morris	Sara Morris
	Lucus Seymour	Lucus Seymour
Sound Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Camera Tech	Richard Affram	Richard Affram
Security Trustee	Ben Hatcher	Kami Lannetti
Sunday Stewards	Brian Casey	Pris Peake
	Linda Dunn	Dave Lannetti
Monday Counters	Julie Etheridge	Watt Jones
	Nel Booker	Robert King
Bus Driver	John Fitzwilliam	Rob Baxter
Ushers	William LeHew	David Lannetti
	Ben Hatcher	Rob Baxter
	Traci Shepard	Traci Shepard
	Monica Levow	Brian Casey

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