



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

September 6, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *"Prelude on St. Columbia"* Healey Willan

Announcements and Greetings Karla Robinson

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

†Call To Worship Brian Casey, Worship Leader

Leader: Come, beloved of God, for the Shepherd has called us by name.

People: We come, for we were lost, and the Shepherd has found us.

Leader: I Rejoice, for God searches for the one until it is brought home.

People: We rejoice, for heaven celebrates every soul restored.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise to the One who gathers us in.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship the God who seeks and saves.

Prayer of the People Rev. Dave Loughery

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:1-7 (NIV) Brian Casey, Worship Leader

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem *All We Like Sheep* G. F. Handel

*All we like sheep,
all we like sheep have gone astray.
We have tuned every one to his own way.*

Sermon *The Lost Sheep-“Reckless Love”* Rev. Dave Loughery

Invitation to Communion p. 12 (UMH)

Prayer of Confession p. 12 (UMH)

Words of Assurance p. 12 (UMH)

Celebrating Our Offerings Brian Casey, 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 *Reckless Love* Cory Asbury
Dai Poole, tenor

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

†Communion Hymn *The King of Love, My Shepherd is vs. 1,2,3,6* No. 138
(Elements are brought forward during this hymn)

The Great Thanksgiving p. 17-18

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward to receive the elements as led by the ushers.

Music During Communion *“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”* Lyrics-Fanny J. Crosby
Music- William H. Doane

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

***Refrain:** Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by. Amen.*

*Let me Thy throne of mercy, find a sweet relief,
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. (Refrain)*

*Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. (Refrain)*

Music During Communion *“Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna”* Oskar Lindberg

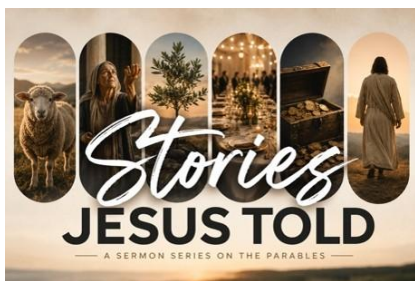
†Response Hymn *Amazing Grace* No. 378

†Benediction Rev. Dave Loughery

†Benediction Response *Amazing Grace* John Newton

†Postlude *“Fugue sur les Jeux d’Anches”* Francois Couperin

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 6, 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
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Tuesday September 8, 2026

7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 24

Wednesday, September 9, 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

Thursday, September 10, 2026

6:00 p.m.	Anchor Men
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Sunday, September 13, 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
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Care
11:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship

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MANY, MANY THANKS to everyone who helped with and participated in Funday Sunday! So many of you worked so hard, and you made it a truly FUN day! We welcome your comments and suggestions to help with planning for Funday 2027; please email events@larchmontumc.org or speak with Julie E or Liz S.

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

September 6, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)



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 and two-hour selling shifts here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9AC2BA0FAC43-65527385-pumpkin> and don't forget to donate baked goods!

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



September 13th: Come Enjoy lunch, fellowship, and a program after worship at 11:30am. Lunch is \$5. For more information contact Traci at andrew.shepard1@cox.net

September 17th, Women's Supper Club at 6pm at Chicken Salad Chick.

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



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.



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.



LUMC Food Locker

Cereal Donations Needed!

Please bring packaged or canned food to support our Food Locker the **2nd Sunday each month**. 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.

In August, the Food Locker served 25 households, which included 46 adults and 46 children for a total of 92 individuals. This represented 62 bags of food. **Thank you for supporting the Food Locker.**

The **Mission Committee** is hosting **Bingo** for the residents at **Ghent Nursing Home on Tuesday, September 15th, at 2pm**. If you would like to help please show up at Ghent Health Center at 3900 Llewellyn Ave, Norfolk. For more information contact Claudia at wadecjl@verizon.net.

Back to School Night Volunteers Needed:

Back to school night at Monroe elementary school is Thursday, September 17, 5:30 set up time. We need volunteers to help hand out treats and drinks. Please contact Beth Vinson to volunteer.

Bethvinson1956@gmail.com



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 27th, we welcome 'The Olde James River Jazz Band.' Mark your calendars for this future event.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday September 6, 2026	Next Sunday September 13, 2026
Worship Leader	Brian Casey	Jonathan Clark
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Lucas Seymour
	Sara Morris	Wina Giddens
Sound Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Camera Tech	Jeff Paiste	Jeff Paiste
Security Trustee	Gene Levow	Gene Levow
Sunday Stewards	Ed Lilly	Jonathan Clark
	Sandra Clark	Sandra Clark
Monday Counters	Demi Wheeler	Pris Peake
	Gary Chiaverotti	GM Ziller
Bus Driver	Jonathan Clark	Dave Lannetti
Ushers	Jonathan Clark	Ben Hatcher
	Laura Calvert	William LeHew
	Chris Calvert	Gary Chiaverotti
	Gary Chiaverotti	Dave Lannetti

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