



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

September 13, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude Selection from *O Gott, du frommer Gott* BWV 767- JS Bach

Announcements and Greetings Worship Leader, Jonathan Clark

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *Give Me the Faith* No. 650

†Call To Worship Worship Leader, Jonathan Clark

Leader: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

People: Delight in God's goodness!

Leader: Praise God who gives each person special gifts to be nurtured and shared.

People: Lord, we thank you for these gifts of love and grace!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

People: Lord, make us faithful and worthy of your trust. Let us use our lives to serve you today. Amen

Prayer for the Day Worship Leader, Jonathan Clark

Almighty God, we thank you for the unique gifts you have entrusted to each of us. Forgive us, Lord, when fear or doubt causes us to bury what we have been given. Remove our anxiety and replace it with courage. Help us not to waste our opportunities, but to invest our lives boldly in love, service, and goodness for your kingdom. Make us faithful servants who honor you with all we do. May we live each day ready for your return, longing to hear your voice say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

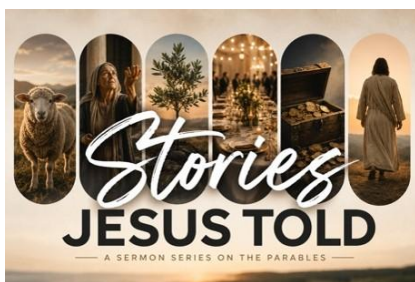
Prayers of the People

Rev. Jack Meservey

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon	<i>The Talents - "Burying Talents"</i>	Rev. Jack Meservey
†Response Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	No. 593
Celebrating Our Offerings		Worship Leader, Jonathan Clark
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	<i>Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
†Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 94
†Closing Hymn	<i>Forth in Thy Name, O Lord</i>	No. 438
†Benediction		Rev. Jack Meservey
†Benediction Response	<i>Forth in Thy Name</i>	Charles Wesley
†Postlude	<i>Fanfare and Toccata</i>	William Bradley Roberts

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.

14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once **16** the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. **18** But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. **19** After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ **21** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ **22** And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ **23** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ **24** Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ **26** But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. **29** For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Eric Thiman

*Awake, awake to love and work the lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew the worlds awake to cry.
Their blessings on the lord of life as he goes meekly by.
Come let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise,
see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days.
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze.
To give and give and give again, what god hath given thee,
to spend thyself nor count the cost to serve right gloriously,
the god who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.*

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Monday September 14, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 16, 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 17, 2026

6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Supper Club
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Saturday, September 19, 2026

5:00 p.m.	Family Potluck
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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.	Women's Fellowship Pop-Up Service Project
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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 13, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Matthew 25: 14-30 (NRSV)

WELCOME TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Jack Meservey (ret)

Born and raised in Massachusetts where I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1964. I retired as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1984. Shortly thereafter went to work as a government contractor, retiring in 2009. The following year during the annual conference I felt called to become a licensed local United Methodist Pastor. We retired from active ministry in 2021 and currently serve the Lord at LUMC. Sue and I have been married for over 51 years and have a blended family of 5 children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We enjoy spending time with family, martial arts, working in the yard and power walking.



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.



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.**

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

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.

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.
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5p.m., Sunday,
October 11th
Learn to polka!
free!
Invite your friends!
use the QR code to
RSVP OR call the church office
757-489-8168



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

Save the Date!

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

RSVP is requested.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday September 13, 2026	Next Sunday September 20, 2026
Worship Leader	Jonathan Clark	Sandra Nichols
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Sara Morris
	Lucus Seymour	Lucus Seymour
Sound Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Camera Tech	Richard Affram	Richard Affram
Security Trustee	Gene Levow	Ben Hatcher
Sunday Stewards	Sandra Clark	Brian Casey
	Jonathan Clark	Linda Dunn
Monday Counters	Pris Peake	Julie Etheridge
	GM Ziller	Nel Booker
Bus Driver	Dave Lannetti	John Fitzwilliam
Ushers	Ben Hatcher	William LeHew
	Monica Levow	Ben Hatcher
	Gary Chiaverotti	Traci Shepard
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