



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Prelude Op. 18*

César Franck

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn

*The God of Abraham Praise*

No. 116

†Introit

*The Son of Man Came*

Karle Erickson

*The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve,  
and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

†Call To Worship from Psalm 91

Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader

Leader: Let us live with faith in God and proclaim, "Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress, my God I will forever trust."

**People: Let us trust in the Lord and know that holy love surrounds us.**

Leader: God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

**People: When we call out to the Lord, we know that we are heard.**

Leader: God is with us in every trial and temptation,

**ALL: Therefore, we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty! Amen!**

Prayer for the Day

**Dear Jesus, you are our protector and our refuge always. Increase our faith in You so that we may not be terrified but instead find assurance of your Holy presence. Lord, when the winds of life blow and our seas become rough, remind us that You are Lord of the seas, and all things are held together by You. When we feel lost or afraid in the dark, draw near, and guide us to a place of safety, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Children's Message

Cathy Hickman

Scripture Lesson

John 6:16-21

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

***Mary, Did You Know?*** Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
And the child that you delivered would soon deliver you?*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;  
the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?  
The sleeping child you're holding is the Great I Am.*

Sermon

***"The Great I Am"***

Rev. Fran Cooper

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, the wind and the waves rise around us, and though we know you are their Lord, we confess we are scared. You show us the goodness of God again and again, but still our hearts falter. We confess that instead of entering into the pain of the world as you do, we are tempted to hide. Where our love, hope, or mercy fails, your love remains steadfast. Forgive us, we pray, and strengthen us in your Holy Spirit to go from this place and extend God's refuge in places of strong storms. Amen.**

†Hymn

***Eternal Father, Strong to Save***

No. 2191

Prayers of the People

Rev. Cooper

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Sunday, March 15, 2026

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  
5:00 p.m. Intergenerational Lenten Nights

### Monday, March 16, 2026

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

### Tuesday, March 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Study (Wesley Grace UMC- 288 E Little Creek Rd)  
6:00 p.m. Larchmont Ringers  
6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 19, 2026

2:00 p.m. Congregational Care Spring Social (LPO)

### Saturday, March 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. Coastal VAUMC District Event (Churchwide)

### Sunday, March 22, 2026

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. Fellowship Committee Meeting (Parlor)

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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

March 15, 2026

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### LENTEN OFFERING

During the season of Lent, you are invited to make a special offering for direct support of our 2026 Larchmont UMC mission work. Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of people touched through these ministries: Union Mission, Winter Shelter, Hope House, El Salvador Mission Trip, James Monroe Elementary School, Ghent Nursing Home, LAUNCH downtown ministries to Park Place and Huntersville neighborhoods (summer kids camps, Peace on Earth Day), Red Cross Blood Drives, United Methodist Committee on Relief assistance (flood buckets and emergency funds for natural disasters, medical and newborn kits), ODU Wesley Foundation, and other special needs. Please use these envelopes if you can, or specify, "Lenten Offering" for online offering giving and/or on your check. Thank you for sharing in these ministries of love and caring.

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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 important to the ministries of our church and the committee feels we should all recognize their service.

For March, we recognize **Nate Poplin**, our **Administrative Assistant**. He's the one you see through the window after you enter LUMC from Monroe Place. Nate runs the office; provides support to Pastors and staff; answers the phone; works on special projects; coordinates requests for space use with the church calendar; and is the point of contact for those benefiting from our food pantry. All this and much more--including assembly of the bulletin you are reading this very moment. Nate is a 2025 graduate of ODU (major in Game Design) who enjoys taking care of his dogs, Chloe and Rey, video games, and with ink or pencil, drawing people.

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### Easter Egg Hunt: Candy And Small Toys Needed!

Please help with the Easter Egg Hunt for this year by contributing candy or small toy items for the easter eggs. There will be a collection container in the narthex, the office hallway, and the social hall. Thank you for supporting this special event!

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



Online Giving



### **DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS NEW WAY TO REDUCE YOUR TAXES?**

When you file your taxes for 2026 a year from now, you can claim a tax deduction for your charitable giving even if you take the standard deduction and don't itemize. Last year's tax bill allows single persons to deduct monetary gifts up to \$1,000 and married couples filing jointly up to \$2,000.

### **Ghent Nursing Home Easter Bags: Help Needed!**

Can you spare a few minutes after the 10:30 Worship Service this Sunday? We have 200 small Easter gifts bags to fill for Ghent Nursing Home residents. We will meet in the Parlor. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve 'behind the scenes' by preparing these gifts to be a blessing to others. These little gifts mean a great deal to the residents and we appreciate your support!

### **Cards of Hope**

This year let us donate those unused Visa, Master Card, American Express, department store and other purchased cards so we pass them on our Food Locker clients or others in our community who are in need. Please place gift cards in the box marked "Cards of Hope" provided in front of the office. Contact Jack or Sue at [jackmeservey@gmail.com](mailto:jackmeservey@gmail.com) or [suemeservey44@gmail.com](mailto:suemeservey44@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Walk with Christ**

The missions committee invites all to join in a "Walk with Christ" during the season of Lent. The walk can be either individually or jointly. During our walks, whether short or lengthy strolls around the neighborhood or in other areas of our vast community, it is suggested that time be spent in conversation with Jesus and those we meet during our travels. During our engaging conversations, invite people to church and present them with a traveling Jesus (you can find these in the Narthex and at the Monroe entrance). As Jesus said in Luke 10:37, ask them to "Go and do likewise." The added spiritual, emotional, and physical benefits of a "Walk with Christ" cannot be measured. Each day, we are also invited to put \$1 aside (or whatever feels uncomfortable), (Luke 21:2) and at the end of Lent donate a portion of the money to the Lenten offering for missions.

### **Women's Fellowship Supper Club: Chicken Salad Chick**

Join in when you are able this Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm! Reach out to Traci Shepard by Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for more info: [andrew.shepard1@cox.net](mailto:andrew.shepard1@cox.net)

### **HELP WANTED: Part-Time Children's Director**

Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk, VA is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Children's Director to provide planning, oversight, and support for all activities related to our children and their families. This will include but is not limited to, attending Sunday worship services, coordinating Children's Sunday School, organizing Special seasonal Events (such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter programs, and Vacation Bible School), recruiting volunteers, and publicizing all events and activities. For a complete Job Description, interested candidates should direct questions or send a resume and cover letter to Rev. Fran Cooper, [francooper@vaumc.org](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

### **Ghent Nursing Home Free Store: Donations Needed!**

Please help your Missions Team with supplies for the Ghent Nursing Home "Free Store." Donated items such as large print books, cologne, after shave, lotion, lipstick, long scarfs, t-shirts or pull on sweatpants are always needed. Large and XL men's items are especially welcome. Items should be like new or gently used and clean. A large tub will be in the area outside the Fellowship Hall **until March 25th**.

### **Ghent Nursing Home Free Store Sorting: March 29<sup>th</sup>**

We are receiving many donations for the Ghent Nursing Home Free Store that will be held on April 1st. We need help sorting and labeling items before the event. If you have time following the March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30 service, please lend a hand. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This is a much-loved event by our neighbor residents who often cannot leave the building. It gives them the opportunity to choose what they want. Helping us sort these items is a beautiful way to put God's love into action before these gifts reach their new homes.

## **Palm Cross-Making Party: Saturday, March 28 at 10:30am.**



**Save The Date!**

**VBS July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God**

**Register Here! →**



**VBS Registration**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (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

**Selection from *Peace Like A River***

Sondra Tucker

†Doxology

***Lenten Doxology***

Words, G.W. Shepherd

TUNE: OLD 100th

*Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen*

†Hymn

***Blessed Quietness (vv. 1,2,5)***

No. 2142

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

***What Wondrous Love* (mm 1-8)**

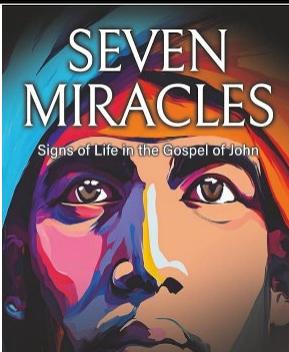
Hymn 292

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.*

†Postlude

***Fountain Reverie***

Percy Fletcher



**LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES: Seven Miracles: Signs of  
Life in the Gospel of John**

Jesus' miracles have meanings that extend far beyond the people they first impacted. Seven Miracles is a study for Lent that examines miracles in the Gospel of John to help us discover meaning in the miracles for our lives today.

## Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
	<b>March 15, 2026</b>	<b>March 22, 2026</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Gary Chiaverotti	Jonathan Clark
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Cathy Hickman	Liz Smith
<b>Media Tech</b>	Claudia Wade	Sara Morris
		Jeff Paiste
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
<b>Security Trustee</b>	Ben Hatcher	Chris Calvert
<b>Sunday Stewards</b>	Trisha Coulson	Fred Dobbs
	Ed Lilly	Sandra Clark
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Robert King	Nel Booker
	Watt Jones	Pris Peake
<b>Bus Driver</b>	John Fitzwilliam	Michael King
<b>Ushers</b>	Traci Shepard	Monica Levow
	Bill Lehew	Ben Hatcher
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	Jonathan Clark	Gary Chiaverotti

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