



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Processional*

William Matthias

Announcements and Greetings

Pastor Fran Cooper

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn

*Who Is He Who Comes in Triumph?*

No. 3082

†Call To Worship

Claudia Wade, Worship Leader

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His steadfast love endure forever.

**People: Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**People: We come to worship the King who brings salvation.**

Leader: Come, let us lift our voices in praise to the Lord of lords.

**ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

†Introit

*Hosanna*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna!*

*The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna!*

Children's Message

Cathy Coleman

Anthem

*Sanctus* (From Requiem)

John Rutter

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
(Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power)*

*(Glory, glory in the highest, glory!)*

*Pleni sunt caeli gloria tua.*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli gloria tua.*

*Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,  
hosanna in excelsis, hosanna!*

*(Heaven and earth are full of thy glory)*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,  
hosanna in excelsis, hosanna!*

*(Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord)  
Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis, hosanna in excelsis,  
hosanna in excelsis, hosanna!*

Scripture Lesson

John 11:1-45

Worship Leader

Sermon

*"That You May Believe"*

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Hymn

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 420

†Affirmation of Faith for Palm Sunday

**We believe that God is continually at work in our lives and in our world:**

**To heal strife and discord.**

**To comfort the lonely and grieving.**

**To encourage the disheartened.**

**To offer hope to those who despair.**

**To reconcile warring factions.**

**We believe that the same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey:**

**Enters our hearts today.**

**Triumphs might with the power of love.**

**Shows the way of strength through weakness.**

**Calls us his friends and family.**

**Invites us to share his life.**

**We believe that the Spirit has been given:**

**To remind us of our identity in Christ.**

**To empower us to take up the cross.**

**To enable us to abide in Christ's love.**

**To explicate for us the Word of God.**

**To enliven us as resurrection people in a fallen world.**

**This we believe so that we might joyfully share God's life and faithfully live as Christ's disciples. Amen.**

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory

*The Palms*

Jean Baptiste Faure

1. O'er all the way, green palms  
and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.  
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,  
E'en now the throng to welcome  
Him prepare.

2. His word goes forth, and peoples  
by its might  
Once more regain freedom  
from degradation.  
Humanity doth live to teach His right,  
While those in darkness find  
restored the light.

3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,  
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.  
Through boundless love the  
Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings hope and faith to thee forevermore.

**Refrain:**

Join all and sing, His Name declare,  
Let every voice resound with acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

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### **Ghent Nursing Home Free Store: Mission Opportunity!**

The Ghent Nursing Home "Free Store" is April 1st. The Missions Team needs volunteers to help distribute clothing and items to our neighbors who often cannot leave the facility. We will meet at the Nursing Home (corner of 38th and Llewellyn) at 1pm to lay out and organize items. The event begins at 1:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love in a tangible, practical way.

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### **VBS 2026!**

Join us for the 2026 Vacation Bible School, RAINFOREST FALLS, Exploring the Nature of God.

**July 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m.** Family Night including supper and study,

**July 13-16, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.** Please let us know you are coming by clicking on the QR code right. Everyone is invited to volunteer for 1, 2, 3, or 4 days. Your help is greatly appreciated. We look forward to being with you and your children this summer!!

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VBS Registration

### **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).

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### **GRADUATE SUNDAY!**

Parents/Guardians: if you have a high school or college graduate this year, please save the date for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for our Graduates Reception after church during the potluck. Please contact [youth@larchmontumc.org](mailto:youth@larchmontumc.org) for more details and **RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup>** with your graduate's info!

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# Holy Week & EASTER

WORSHIP SERVICES

— Larchmont UMC —



## Maundy Thursday Service | April 2

7:30 pm | Sanctuary

*Commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper*



## Good Friday, April 3 – Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm

*Procession of Stations around our church community*



## Easter Worship Services | Sunday, April 5

6:30 am – Sunrise Service at Cambridge Crescent Park  
*(6125 Carroll Place 23508)*

8:35 am – 8:35LIVE Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:45 am – Butterfly Release in the Greenspace

10:30 am – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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<b>Sunday, March 29, 2026</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
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.	Ghent Nursing Free Store Sorting (FH)
<b>Monday, March 30, 2026</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
<b>Wednesday, April 1, 2026</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
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
<b>Thursday, April 2, 2026</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Friday, April 3, 2026</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (meet at Sanctuary steps)
<b>Sunday, April 5, 2026</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service (6125 Carroll Place)
8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
9:45 a.m.	Butterfly Release (Greenspace)
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
1:00 p.m.	Tidewater Basketry (FH)

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



Online Giving

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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

March 29, 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**. 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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### Ghent Nursing Home Free Store Sorting: TODAY!

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 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. Helping us sort these items is a beautiful way to put God's love into action before these gifts reach their new homes.

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†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*

Invitation to Passion/Holy Week

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Solo

***At the Cry of the First Bird***

David W. Guion

Gene Mazurek, baritone

*At the cry of the first bird, they began to crucify Thee.  
They began to crucify Thee at the cry of the first bird.  
O cheek like a swan! O cheek like a swan!  
It was not right ever to cease lamenting. It was like the parting of day from night.  
Ah! Though sore the suffering put upon the body of Mary's son,  
Sorer to him was the grief that was put upon her for his sake.  
At the cry of the first bird, they began to crucify Thee.  
They began to crucify Thee at the cry of the first bird.  
O cheek like a swan! O cheek like a swan!*

†Hymn

***What Wondrous Love is This***

No. 292

†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

***Fantasie in G Major, BWV572***

JS Bach

## Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
	<b>March 29, 2026</b>	<b>April 5, 2026</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Claudia Wade	Dave Loughery
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Cathy Coleman	Fran Cooper
<b>Media Tech</b>	Jeff Paiste	Sara Morris
		Jeff Paiste
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bill Huber	Stephen Croffie Djan
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
<b>Security Trustee</b>	Kami Lannetti	Chris Calvert
<b>Sunday Stewards</b>	Fred Dobbs	Jonathan Clark
	Brian Casey	Robert King
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Chris Burge	Demi Wheeler
	Julie Etheridge	Nel Booker
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Dave Lannetti	Jonathan Clark
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Casey	Monica Levow
	Kami Lannetti	Jonathan Clark
	Dave Lannetti	Laura Calvert
	Rob Baxter	Chris Calvert

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