



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

April 19, 2026

Second Sunday After Easter

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River/Near to the Heart of God* arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* No. 428

†Introit *Our Savior Jesus Christ* Karle Erickson

†Call To Worship Brian Casey, Worship Leader

Leader: The prophet declares that God's "justice shall roll down like waters,

People: and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Leader: Gathered for worship, we find ourselves on the shore of that stream—

People: hesitating, torn between courage and fear.

Leader: The waters are deep and powerful, the current is swift and strong.

ALL: Come, people of God, let us wade into the water!

Prayer for the Day (unison)

Gracious and loving God, thank you for bringing us into this place of worship today and drawing us close to you. We confess that, too often, our songs and ceremonial worship fall short when we overlook the cry of the oppressed. Open our eyes to the needs around us and awaken our spirits to the work ahead: to challenge injustice, stand with the marginalized, and transform our praise into action that reflects your love and mercy. Empower us to be voices of truth, agents of healing, and beacons of your justice in our communities. Guide us as we open this time of worship, and may our hearts respond to the call for justice and compassion. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Cooper

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Traci Shepard

Scripture Lesson

Amos 5:21-24

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Wade in the Water

Mark Hayes

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

Up on the mountain, Jehovah, He spoke,

Wade in the water, children.

Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

God's gonna trouble the water.

I hear a rumblin', up in the sky.

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

Must-a been Jesus passin' by.

Wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, children.

Down in the valley, down on my knees.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, Askin' my Lord

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

to save me please.

Wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, children.

God's gonna trouble- God's gonna trouble-

God's gonna trouble the water.

God's gonna trouble the water.

Sermon

"Wade in the Waters"

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn

Heart of Worship

Insert

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

Ever-living God, we bring before you our gifts and our commitments. Multiply our gifts and bless our commitments. Strengthen us to work with others and lift their burdens. May justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *By Waterside in Babylon* Pachelbel

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,

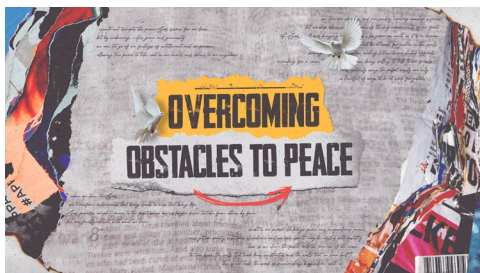
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

†Closing Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 121

†Benediction

†Benediction Response *Our Savior Jesus Christ* Karle Erickson

†Postlude *Grand Epilogue* Edward Broughton



Worship Series- Overcoming Obstacles to Peace

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God," (Matt. 5:9). But in a world divided by conflict, violence, and war, there is so much that gets in the way. This series delves into some of the common obstacles to peacemaking – complacency, resentment, and

violence – leading us first to receive Christ's peace in our own spirits and then get to the hard work of making peace in the world.



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO PEACE



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK 1: WADE IN THE WATERS

- Sunday – Amos 5:21-24
- Monday – Matthew 5:14-16
- Tuesday – James 1:22-25
- Wednesday – Mark 12:30-31
- Thursday – Hebrews 11:1-40
- Friday – Ephesians 2:1-10
- Saturday – Luke 1:37

WEEK 2: WHEN RESENTING IS PREVENTING

- Sunday – Matthew 20:1-16
- Monday – Ephesians 4:31-32
- Tuesday – Matthew 6:5-18
- Wednesday – Matthew 10:7-13
- Thursday – Luke 15:25-32
- Friday – John 3:16-17
- Saturday – 1 John 3:15-16

WEEK 3: FROM DEATH TO LIFE

- Sunday – Micah 4:1-5
- Monday – John 16:33
- Tuesday – Matthew 26:47-55
- Wednesday – Romans 5:1-11
- Thursday – Colossians 3:13-17
- Friday – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14
- Saturday – 1 Peter 3:9-16

WEEK 4: THE KINGDOM OF GOD: AND LET IT BEGIN WITH US

- Sunday – Ephesians 2:14-16
- Monday – Galatians 3:1-14
- Tuesday – Galatians 3:15-22
- Wednesday – Galatians 3:23-29
- Thursday – Colossians 1:21-23
- Friday – 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
- Saturday – John 14:11-14

*we love one another / so and our sunday morning worship services
but worship alone is not one of the key requirements of our faith.
It is showing our love to God, to his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.*

*So we must be at work for justice in the world,
sharing justice, writing letters to our elected officials,
working for a cause, and being willing to take to our friends
any action we can that wisely can only
a handful of ways to be at work for justice.*



THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 19, 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. Beacon Youth Noon Crew
7:00 p.m. Education Committee (Zoom)

Monday, April 20, 2026

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m. Legacy Giving Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

OFFICES CLOSED FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Wednesday, April 22, 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

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. Tidewater Basketry (FH)
3:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship LUMPS Ice Cream Party

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. Tidewater Basketry Public Event (FH)
12:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Love Petals (Jordan Newby)

Sunday, April 26, 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
3:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (Parlor)
5:00 p.m. Beacon Youth Middle School Crew

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

April 19, 2026

We welcome Joe Ritchie as our guest musician today while Will takes a well-deserved vacation.



Have you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money?

You're not alone! You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. **This is your last chance TO SIGN UP FOR OUR UPCOMING FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COURSE.**

Our FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS starting on SUNDAY, APRIL 26th at Larchmont United Methodist Church at 1101 Jamestown Crescent. Each class will start at 3:30 pm and will last about 90 minutes. Classes will run every Sunday through June 21st (if you miss a class or two, you can view the missed class online).

Don't wait! The first 8 persons/families to sign up ARE FREE! (Normal cost - \$99.99 with workbook and a year's access to FPU resources).

Contact our coordinator, Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) for your free membership code. Once you get the code, you can sign up for the course!

UMCOR Hygiene Kits: Donations Needed!

We are excited to participate in the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Hygiene Kit Program this year! These kits provide essential personal care items to individuals affected by disasters and in need around the world. We will be collecting the following items **through May 20th**: one hand towel (15x25-17x27 inches), one washcloth, one comb, one metal nail file or nail clippers, one bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. or larger), one toothbrush (in original packaging), and ten adhesive bandages (3/4" to 1" size). Donation boxes will be available for your convenience. You are welcome to donate individual items or assemble a complete kit yourself. If you'd like to assemble your own, please follow the official instructions here: <https://umcmmission.org/resources/umcor-hygiene-kit-assembly-video>. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us serve others with compassion!

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



Online Giving

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 April, we recognize **Amber Pickrell**, our **Bookkeeper**.



She prepares payments and attends to LUMCs financial documents and budget. Her attention to detail keeps Fran on track and we appreciate her service! Amber also serves as a bookkeeper for an accounting firm in the area. Baseball is a passion and Amber is a fan of Maury baseball, the Norfolk Tides and the LA Dodgers. Amber enjoys spending time with her family and 2 dogs, watching sports, and playing volleyball.

Looking to Join the Church?

Pastor Fran will be welcoming new members into the church at the end of the month. If you would like to join, contact Pastor Fran at francooper@vaumc.org.

Women's Fellowship: Love Petals Event

Join in making arrangements for nursing home patients on **April 25th** 12pm to 2 at the Jordan Newby library. Refreshments provided. Bring your own vase to arrange for home if there are leftover flowers.

Red Cross Blood Drive:

Wednesday, May 13, 1pm to 6pm

Red Cross blood drive is now open for appointments!

Please contact Traci Shepard:
andrew.shepard1@cox.net



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!!



VBS Registration

ONE SERVICE May 17th, 10:30am

11:30am -POTLUCK AND GRADUATE RECEPTION

Sunday, May 17 will be a great Sunday for many reasons. We have one worship service with our Spring Concert. Our choir and members of the Virginia Symphony will bring an offering of Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Please join us for a potluck lunch following the concert! Bring a favorite dish to share. Dishes can be dropped off in the kitchen prior to the concert. Please include instructions (to be refrigerated, kept warm or baked, etc.) if any special treatment is needed. Finally, during the Potluck, we will recognize our church's high school and college graduates with a Powerpoint and celebration. Please join us this special day!

Assisting in Worship

This Sunday

April 19, 2026

Brian Casey

Traci Shepard

Sara Morris

Jeff Paiste

Stephen Croffie Djan

Clarise Hicks

Ben Hatcher

Sandra Clark

Ed Lilly

Chris Burge

Pris Peake

Kami Lannetti

Traci Shepard

William LeHew

Gary Chiaverotti

Ben Hatcher

Next Sunday

April 26, 2026

Gary Chiaverotti

Liz Smith

Wina Giddens

Jeff Paiste

Stephen Croffie Djan

Clarise Hicks

Linda Dunn

Brian Casey

GM Ziller

Laura Fitzwilliam

Rob Baxter

Traci Shepard

Rob Baxter

Brian Casey

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