



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

April 26, 2026

Third Sunday After Easter

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude **Selection from *Master Tallis's Testament*** Herbert Howells

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* No. 581

†Introit *Let There Be Peace on Earth (selection)* No. 431

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

†Call To Worship Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader

Leader: Welcome to God's upside-down kingdom!

People: A realm in which the last are first,

Leader: the latecomers are fully compensated,

People: and fairness takes a sideways turn.

Leader: We worship a complicated God—

People: or is God's way actually quite simple?

Leader: We bring our questions—and our discomfort—with us this morning,

ALL: trusting that God will show us the way.

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, as we gather in your presence, we open our hearts to your loving embrace. Let your divine peace wash over us and calm the troubled waters of our minds. In your grace, grant us the strength to release all burdens of resentment and judgment. We thank you for this sacred moment and surrender our hearts to be transformed by your spirit. In this moment of worship, fill us with gratitude and renewed hope. Guide us on the path of compassion and unity so that we may leave behind all bitterness and walk in your light. May our worship be pleasing to you, reflecting the purity of your eternal love. With gratitude in our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Cooper

The Lord's Prayer

Reception of New Members

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

The Kingdom

Andre J. Thomas

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost.

God our father in heaven the earth is yours.

*Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost,
that's the Kingdom of God.*

*We are part of the earth and we belong to you.
And we long to see your kingdom come on earth*

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost.

as it is in heaven.

*Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost,
that's the Kingdom of God.*

Let it come - Oh -

He has delivered us from our sins

*so that we can become part of the
Kingdom of God.*

Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom?

Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom?

Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom?

Come on everybody!

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost.

*Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost,
that's the Kingdom of God.*

Oh, yes, there's Joy in the Kingdom!

That's the Kingdom of God.

Oh, yes, there's Peace in the Kingdom!

That's the Kingdom of God.

Oh, yes, there's Love in the Kingdom!

Come on everybody!

Sermon

"When Resenting is Preventing"

Rev. Fran Cooper

For The Fruits Of All Creation

Words by
Fred Pratt Green
Arranged by
Luther Orlando Emerson

Music By
Traditional Welsh Melody

VERSE

F F/A B⁷ B⁷/D G G⁷/B C F/A B⁷ Gm C C⁷ F F/A B⁷ B⁷/D

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God. For His gifts to
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done. In the help we
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God. For the good we

G G⁷/B C F/A B⁷ Gm C C⁷ F B⁷/D F/C B⁷/D F B⁷ F/A C⁷/G F

ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

C⁷/G F C⁷ Dm Gm/B⁷ F/C C F/A B⁷ B⁷/D G G⁷/B C F/A

si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing,
for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing,
for the truths that still con - found us, most of all, that love has found us,

15 B⁷ Gm C C⁷ F

thanks be to God.
God's will is done.
thanks be to God.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, May 13, 1pm to 6pm

Red Cross blood drive is now open for appointments!

Please contact Traci Shepard:

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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!!



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!

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Monday, April 27, 2026

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (LPO)
7:00 p.m. Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League (FH)

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 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

Sunday, May 3, 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. Women's Fellowship (FH)
3:30 p.m. Financial Peace University (Parlor)

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



Online Giving

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

April 26, 2026



The altar flowers are presented by Fred Dobbs and Liz Smith to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 32nd wedding anniversary.

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!

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.



Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, your kingdom is not like the world. Jesus reminds us that the last will be first, and the first will be last. As coworkers in the kingdom of God, let our gifts magnify your ways and lift those whom the world leaves out. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Meditation on Psalm 34 v. 6 "This poor man cried..."* Herbert Howells

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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* No. 2171

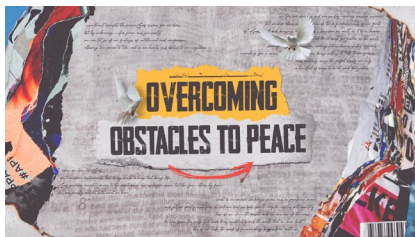
†Benediction

†Benediction Response *Let There Be Peace on Earth (selection)* No. 431

*With every step, I take, let this be my solemn vow,
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

†Postlude *Selection from Master Tallis's Testament* Herbert Howells



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.

Assisting in Worship

This 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

Monica Levow

Next Sunday

May 3, 2026

Kami Lannetti

Tracy Alderson

Sara Morris

Les Thorpe

Bill Huber

Clarise Hicks

Chris Calvert

Trisha Coulson

Sandra Clark

Chris Burge

Gordon Glover

Michael King

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Chris Calvert

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