



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

May 3, 2026

Fourth Sunday After Easter

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude ***Christ lag in Todesbanden*** JS Bach

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ Owen Guirlinger (Acolyte)
(Crucifer)

†Processional Hymn ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** No. 327

†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 Kami Lannetti, Worship Leader

Leader: Micah declares "In the days to come," God's promises of peace will be fulfilled:

People: a world where fear is a thing of the past,

Leader: in which weapons will be traded for gardening tools,

People: and all fear will fade away.

Leader: Micah says "in the days to come..." which seems too vague a timeline!

ALL: Lord, may that day be today.

Prayer for the Day

Come, Holy Spirit, fill this space with your presence. Today, we gather with hearts burdened by the violence and unrest surrounding us, longing for the life-giving peace only you can provide. Where hatred and division sow death, breathe new life into us. Soften our hearts and guide our hands to build, heal, and restore. Where there is brokenness, let us be agents of wholeness; where there is suffering, let us bring hope. Teach us to find life in your love, turning us away from the destructive pursuit of power and control. Draw us closer, God, to the breath of your Holy Spirit, so we can breathe life into a world longing for peace and renewal. Renew us from the inside out. Raise us from the shadows of death into the light of Christ's abundant life. We pray in the name of Jesus, who conquered death and gives us life eternal. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Loughery

Special Recognition of Clarise Hicks

Scripture Lesson

Micah 4:1-5

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Et in Terra Pax (from GLORIA)

Antonio Vivaldi

Et in terra pax hominibus, bone voluntatis

In earth, peace, and good will to all.

Sermon

"From Death to Life"

Rev. Dave Loughery

Invitation to Communion

p. 12 (UMH)

Prayer of Confession

p. 12 (UMH)

Words of Assurance

p. 12 (UMH)

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

God of Peace, you transform that which brings destruction into life-giving experiences. We offer these gifts as our commitment to learn from your ways. Let us walk in the path of our God now and always. Amen.

Offertory

Andante

Angela Kraft Cross

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.

†Communion Hymn ***Let There Be Light*** No. 440

(Elements are brought forward during this hymn)

The Great Thanksgiving ***Musical Setting A*** pp. 17-18

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward to receive the elements as led by the ushers.

Music During Communion

God So Loved the World (from *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.

My Redeemer Lives (by Nicole C. Mullins, sung by Clarise Hicks)

†Response Hymn ***We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (vv. 1,2,4)*** No. 569

†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 ***Improvisation-Toccata*** Alfred Fedak

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.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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)
11:30 a.m. Beacon Youth Noon Crew

Monday, May 4, 2026

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

5:15 p.m. Norfolk Historical Society (FH)

Wednesday, May 6, 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 10, 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

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LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

May 3, 2026



The altar flowers are presented by Jack and Sue Meservey to the Glory of God and in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

UMCOR Hygiene Kits: Donations Needed!

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. 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 May, we recognize **Will Pearson**, our wonderful **organist**.

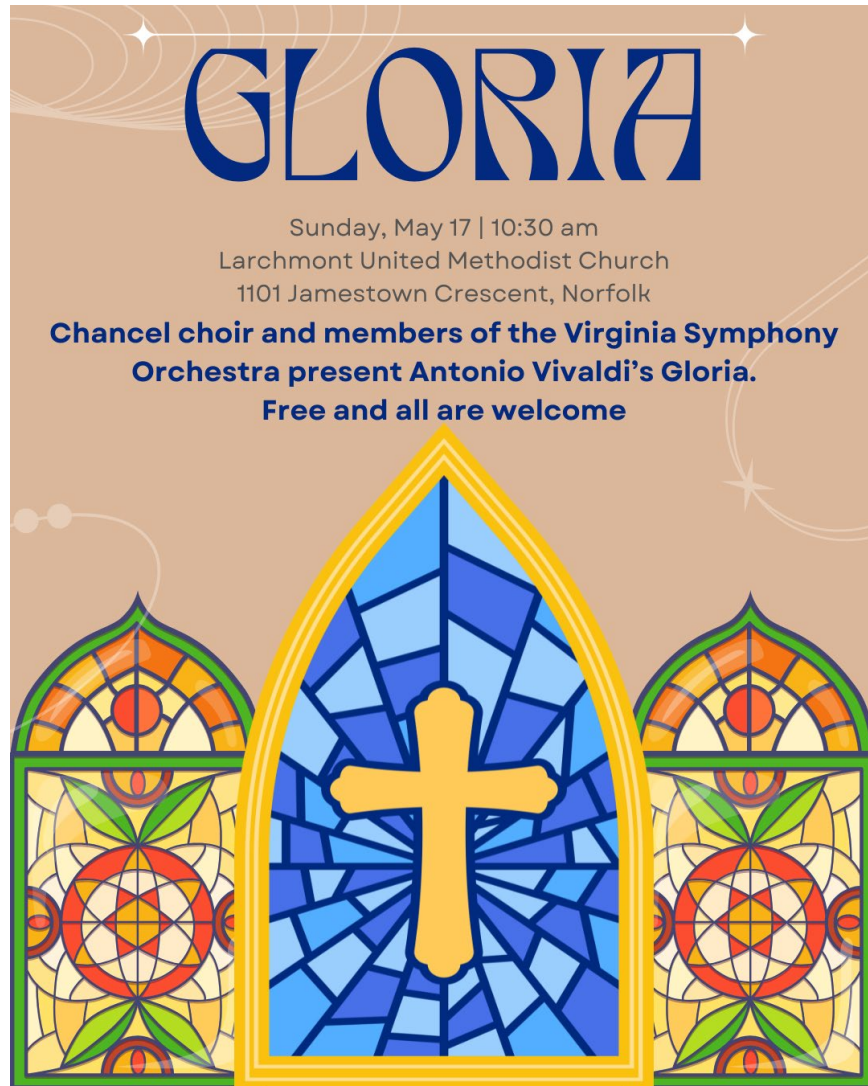
Will is responsible for organ and piano performance during LUMC services and works in close collaboration with Karla, Pastor Fran, and the Worship Committee. Will brings music to life and enhances our opportunity for worship through his mastery of the organ; we are grateful for his talent. Will is also an Instructor & Area Coordinator for Music Theory and Aural Skills at the Diehn School of Music at ODU. Will grew up singing in a professional boys choir in Albany, NY and was recently able to play on the cathedral organ where his interest in music started at the Cathedral of Saint Albany (see picture). Outside the organ, Will enjoys playing online chess, following NBA basketball, and cooking and traveling with partner Carly and dog Carlydog. Finally, Will is also teaching private organ lessons for anyone interested!



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!



4th Annual Memorial Day Parade!

Help is needed to make this year's Memorial Day Parade, our biggest one-day Outreach event of the year, another success! Sign up now using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9AC2BA0FAC43-56433259-2026#/> or QRC right. Feel free to sign up for multiple jobs!



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!!



Anchor Men

Our next Anchor Men's Fellowship meeting **will be on Thursday, May 14th.** We start at 6:00pm with a short business meeting followed by dinner and a speaker. **Our speaker** this month is **Gerry Tarhovicky** (Master Chief USN (ret)), **who will discuss the Ukrainian Community Center of Hampton Roads'** activities locally and in providing humanitarian relief to the people of The Ukraine. Dinner is \$10 for members and invited guests. **Gerry's presentation will start at 6:45pm and is open to the public.** Whether you will join us for dinner or only plan on attending Gerry's presentation, contact either Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) or Jonathan Clark (clarkjon1058@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, May 12th.**

Assisting in Worship

This Sunday

May 3, 2026

Kami Lannetti

Sara Morris

Les Thorpe

Bill Huber

Clarise Hicks

Chris Calvert

Trisha Coulson

Sandra Clark

Chris Burge

Gordon Glover

Michael King

Monica Levow

Laura Calvert

Chris Calvert

Kami Lannetti

Next Sunday

May 10, 2026

Jonathan Clark

Wina Giddens

Les Thorpe

Stephen Croffie Djan

Jeff Paiste

Dave Lannetti

Pris Peake

Nel Booker

GM Ziller

Jonathan Clark

Traci Shepard

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