



## LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**May 10, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday After Easter**

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Songs My Mother Taught Me*

Antonin Dvorak

Arr. M. Machella

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

No. 546

†Introit

*Sevenfold Amen*

John Rutter

†Call To Worship

Jonathan Clark, Worship Leader

Leader: We gather within these walls to sing, to pray, to learn,

**People: and to worship a God who tears down walls.**

Leader: Healing divisions, reconciling differences:

**People: such is the world God desires.**

Leader: No 'them versus us', no 'in or out', no hostility or exclusion.

**People: Just outstretched arms and open hearts.**

**ALL: Just "Welcome, one and all."**

Prayer for the Day

Loving God of peace and unity, we come together in your presence today, yearning for the wholeness that only you can provide. Christ, our source of peace, you have broken down the walls that separate us – walls created by fear, pride, and hurt. Yet, we admit that too often, we allow those barriers to rise again in our hearts and in our world. Holy Spirit, we invite you to move among us now. Please soften our hardened hearts, heal our brokenness, and calm our restless spirits. Unite us in worship, so that as we lift our voices and open our hearts, we can be transformed by your grace. Let the journey of peace begin right here, at this moment, with us. May this time of worship refresh our spirits and empower us to go forth as peacemakers, sharing your love in everything we do. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Loughery

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Cathy Hickman

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:14-16

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

*O God of Love, O King of Peace*

Dale Grotenhuis

*O God of Love, O King of Peace, make wars throughout the world to cease.*

*The wrath of nations, now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*Where saints and angels dwell above, all hearts are knit in peace and love.*

*O bind us in that heavenly chain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*Whom shall we trust, but you, O Lord? Where rest, but on your faithful Word?*

*None ever called on you in vain; give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*O God of Love, O King of Peace, make wars throughout the world to cease.*

*The wrath of nations, now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

Sermon

**"Barriers"**

Rev. Dave Loughery

†Response Hymn      *In Christ There is No East or West*      No. 548

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

**Peace-making God, we see violence and strife in our world. We pray to let peace begin with me. May the power of the Holy Spirit move through these gifts to impart peace throughout our community, we pray. Amen.**

Offertory      *Jonquilles (Daffodils)*      Naji Hakim

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      *Let There Be Peace on Earth*      No. 431

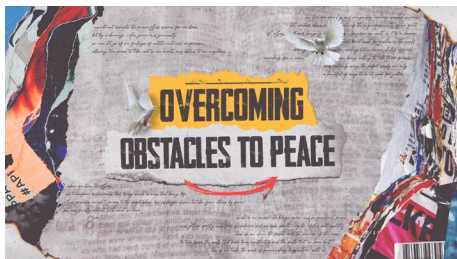
†Benediction

†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      *Festive Trumpet Tune*      David German



### **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.

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## THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### 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

### Monday, May 11, 2026

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

### Tuesday, May 12, 2026

7:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)  
6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 14, 2026

6:00 p.m. Anchor Men Meeting (FH)  
6:00 p.m. Women's Supper Club (Chicken Salad Chick)

### Sunday, May 17, 2026

**SPRING CANTATA**  
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. Spring Luncheon + Graduate Ceremony

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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

May 10, 2026

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The altar flowers are presented by Pris Peake to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents and my brother.

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### Trustees Update- Kami Lannetti, Trustees Chair

There are lots of improvements and repairs happening at LUMC this Spring! Thanks to Robert King's leadership last year, LUMC was able to get the HVAC and electrical work upgraded. That work allowed Trustees to move onto other overdue work. Thank you to the Latana Foundation for funding the Monroe Street Administrative Wing reroofing, repairs to other sections of the church roof, and for providing funding to do other repairs upstairs! Under Ben Hatcher's lead, Bailey Roofing is completing the roof work. Once the roof is completed, the Trustees will move on to replacing the damaged ceiling tiles and cleaning up the Administrative Wing upstairs rooms. These rooms could use a little love. Trustees will also begin working on the floor outside of the Youth Room, which is also generously funded by the Latana Foundation.

Plumbing repair work has been done on the bathrooms near the Chapel lobby. Repairs have been made to the Kitchen range. Trustees are also working with the Building for the Future Committee to renovate a bathroom to provide ADA compliant adult changing facilities. This may be a longer-term project, but we think it reflects congregational and community needs. Thanks to Dave Lannetti for his work to weatherize Preschool exterior doors, replace lighting and bulbs, complete small repairs and freshen up paint and kick plates for doors. LUMC hosted the Larchmont Precinct election in November and the referendum vote in April. Hundreds of our neighbors came through LUMC to cast votes on those days. Serving as an election precinct is a new ministry for LUMC which the Trustees determined would be consistent with LUMC's reputation for being a good community partner. Please report any damaged property or items needing repair to the office via phone or email or to a Trustee.

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### 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](mailto:andrew.shepard1@cox.net)

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

Join in when you are able this Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm! Reach out to Traci Shepard by Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for more info: [andrew.shepard1@cox.net](mailto:andrew.shepard1@cox.net)

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### ONE SERVICE May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am

### 11:30am -POTLUCK AND GRADUATE RECEPTION

Next 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!

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### UMCOR Hygiene Kits: Donations Needed!

We will be collecting the following items **through May 20<sup>th</sup>**: 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 (¾" 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!

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**Acolytes and Crucifers:** Children in 2nd grade - High School are invited to become Acolytes and Crucifers. Training will be provided at your convenience. We schedule Acolytes and Crucifers for Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). They may also be scheduled for special services during Lent and Advent. We look forward to your participation. Please contact Cathy Hickman, 757-286-5671 or [education@larchmontumc.org](mailto:education@larchmontumc.org).

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### Children's Spring Potluck

Families with children are invited to the Potluck Supper on Saturday, May 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the social hall at LUMC. Please bring a dish to share. Chicken and dessert will be provided. Our theme will be HAPPY 250<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY USA!! Join us for a birthday celebration with trivia, history, balloons, birthday cake, games and more. Please let Cathy Hickman know that you are coming, text 757-286-5671 or email: [education@larchmontumc.org](mailto:education@larchmontumc.org).

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### Anchor Men

Our next Anchor Men's Fellowship meeting **will be on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)) or Jonathan Clark ([clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com)) **by Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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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 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!



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



### TODAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>, is Second Sunday.

Please bring packaged or canned food to support our Food Locker.

In April, the Food Locker gave out food to 18 households, which included 44 adults and 23 children. This represented 40 bags of food. Thank you for your Second Sunday donations to the Food Locker! If you prefer to donate funds rather than food, please write a check made out to LUMC and enter "Food Locker" on the memo line. We use cash donations to buy food from the Foodbank.

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# Assisting in Worship

## This Sunday

May 10, 2026

Jonathan Clark

Wina Giddens

Les Thorpe

Stephen Croffie Djan

Jeff Paiste

Gordon Glover

Dave Lannetti

Pris Peake

Nel Booker

GM Ziller

Jonathan Clark

Traci Shepard

Rob Baxter

Brian Casey

Ben Hatcher

## Next Sunday

May 17, 2026

Spring Cantata

Sara Morris

Les Thorpe

Bill Huber

Jeff Paiste

Ben Hatcher

Robert King

Trisha Coulson

Demi Wheeler

Pris Peake

Dave Lannetti

Traci Shepard

Ben Hatcher

Dave Lannetti

William LeHew

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