



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

July 19, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Cantabile

Joseph Becher

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Opening Hymn

How Can We Name a Love

No. 111

†Call To Worship from the book of Zephaniah Monica Levow, Worship Leader

Leader: Come, people of God. The day of the Lord calls us to examine our hearts and return to the One who is faithful.

People: We come seeking the Lord with humility, trusting in God's mercy and grace.

Leader: The Lord searches every corner, exposing injustice and calling us to lives of righteousness.

People: We lay aside pride and self-reliance, and we open our hearts to God's transforming love.

Leader: Do not fear, for the Lord your God is in your midst—a mighty Savior who delights in His people.

People: We rejoice because God rejoices over us with singing.

Leader: God gathers the scattered, strengthens the weak, and restores those who have been cast aside.

People: We come to worship the God who renews, restores, and makes all things new.

Leader: Lift your voices with gladness! The Lord is among us.

People: With joyful hearts we worship the Lord, our Redeemer and our King!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Zephaniah 1:1-3; 2:1-3

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Solo

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Erik Routley

Peter Scheible, bass

*All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless.*

*In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
Honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.*

*For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near His friends who spurn Him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.*

*Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory,
be its name "The Lord is there!"*

Sermon

"God Sings for You" (Zephaniah)

Rev. Fran Cooper

WORSHIP SERIES: Minor Prophets – Major Truths

†Response Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Screen

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

*Dear Heavenly Father, as we build for the future today,
may our gifts shine Your light and show Your way.
Help us to serve as living stones, our work to be your vibrant home. Amen.*

Offertory	<i>Improvisation on The King of Love</i>	Will Pearson
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Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN	No. 94
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*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	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i> (vv. 1, 3)	Screen
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†Benediction

†Postlude	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Dan Schutte. Arr. Butters
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Special thanks to all of the adults and youth who helped with Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful week with more than 60 children and at least 30 volunteers. The children had a great time learning that **God Loves Them So!!** Your willingness to help brought this message to these wonderful children and their families.
God Bless You.

The Mission Team Event:

Even though it's hot outside, the people of Larchmont are busy making fleece throws for our friends at Ghent Health Care.

These throws will be warm and cozy next winter, and they're super easy to make. Just tie knots! No sewing required!!

The Mission Team is hosting knot-tying sessions over the next few weeks. Join us in the Parlor on one of these dates:

July 21st at 2:00 pm July 30^h at 6:30 pm

Bring a friend or make a new friend. All ages welcome!

Contact Sandra Clark at 757-639-2424 for more info.

Make a Will Month

August is "Make a Will Month." Question: In addition to a will or trust, what other documents should you have in-place? Answer: Two types of Advance Directives, a Power of Attorney for Health Care and a "Living Will." Informational class will be offered on August 25th, brought to you by your Legacy Giving Committee.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS NEW WAY TO REDUCE YOUR TAXES?



When you file your taxes for 2026 next year, you can claim a tax deduction for your charitable giving even if you take the standard deduction and don't itemize. The latest tax bill allows single persons to deduct monetary gifts up to \$1,000 and married couples filing jointly up to \$2,000.

Worship Series: Minor Prophets-Major Truths: Lasting Truths from the OT Minor Prophets

For many Christians, the Minor Prophets can seem distant and incomprehensible. Twelve Voices for Truth show how these ancient prophets still speak to believers today. By exploring each book's theme in the context of history and revelation, you'll learn how the prophets speak to you today. Though the books may be minor in length, they are major in truths they teach, including: the majesty of God, courage and hope, injustice and judgment, trusting and loving God, and many other spiritual precepts. This study helps you discover Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Your Donations Make a Difference

Your generous donations to Missions provided Union Mission with a 2nd Fast Freezer. LUMC previously provided one for their Men's Shelter and it was so helpful that we purchased this one for their Women's Shelter. Fast Freezers keep food fresh, flavorful and prevent waste. Thank you for providing such a wonderful gift!

Larchmont United Methodist Church Foundation 2026 Request for Grant Proposals

The Larchmont United Methodist Church Foundation is an incorporated entity separate from but affiliated with the Church. Our mission is to financially support and enhance the Christian ministries of Larchmont United Methodist Church (LUMC). Each year the Foundation awards grants in support of ministries within and outside of our church for evangelism, community service, education, benevolence, and all forms of Christian outreach. Grants are funded from assets owned by the Foundation.

The Foundation is currently accepting grant proposals from within LUMC as well as community groups and organizations outside the LUMC family. The grant proposal **must** be in writing, for a purpose other than to supplement a regular LUMC budget item, and include the following:

- A clear statement of the purpose(s) of the proposed grant and the specific amount requested.
- A summary of how the requested funds will be spent within the twelve months following approval of the grant proposal.
- For groups outside of LUMC, descriptive information about the requesting group or entity.
- A point of contact, including name, organization, phone number(s), mailing address and email address.

Grant proposals may be submitted electronically or by mail.

- Email submissions are encouraged. Please attach your proposal as a PDF or Word document and send to wina.giddens@gmail.com
- Alternatively, submission may be mailed to:
Larchmont United Methodist Church Foundation
Attention: Grants Committee
1101 Jamestown Crescent
Norfolk, VA 23508

All applications must be received by **July 26, 2026**. Funding decisions are scheduled to be finalized in mid-August. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.

For more details, contact Wina Giddens at wina.giddens@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 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
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m.	All Youth Party

Monday, July 20, 2026

7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
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Tuesday, July 21, 2026

10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
2:00 p.m.	Fleece Throw Crafting
7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 24

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

7:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group

Sunday, July 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
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m.	Music on the Greenspace

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



Online Giving

FUNDAY SUNDAY IS AUGUST 30th – and YOU can help!! Are you a great party planner? Do you have fun ideas for kid/adult outdoor play? Can you suggest a craft/missions project for our event? What would you like us to include as we plan our community-wide picnic? Mark your calendars now, and email your ideas (and offers of help!) to us at events@larchmontumc.org

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

July 19, 2026

Today's alter flowers are given by Demi Wheeler in memory of Scott Wheeler.

MUSIC ON THE GREENSPACE

4th Sundays Through Sept, 6:00 p.m.

Get out your lawn chairs and coolers, we are back for another season of Music on the Greenspace! Join us for a free outdoor concert. We'll have free hot dogs and all are welcome (even your well-behaved dogs on a leash). On **July 26th**, we are welcoming **Symphonic Artistry** (Concert Band)

August 23- Doorway Singers September 20- Dixieland Band



SPRC Staff Spotlight

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is very important to the ministries of our church and the committee felt it was important to recognize them. For July, we are recognizing our Children's Education Director, Cathy Hickman.

Her job includes:

- Overseeing the engaging curriculum for our children's Sunday school classes,
- Planning bulletins, children's messages, and other ways to involve children in the Sunday morning services,
- Planning and overseeing VBS, which not only serves the children of LUMC, but the entire Larchmont community, caring for the children and their families of LUMC by providing supplemental readings, lessons, and activities to do at home, and
- Planning dinners and fellowship time for families with children.

Outside of LUMC, Cathy enjoys:

- Spending time with her family and attending her grandkids' sporting events and programs,
 - Walking
 - Working jigsaw puzzles, and
 - Taking care of Brinkley, the family's golden-doodle.
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Ice Cream Social

The Missions Team is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social at Ghent Healthcare Center on Thursday, July 30th at 1:30pm. Come help make sundaes and serve cool treats and companionship for the residents. For more information contact Claudia at wadecjl@verizon.net.

Assisting in Worship

	Next Sunday July 19, 2026	Next Sunday July 26, 2026
Worship Leader	Monica Levow	Claudia Wade
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Wina Giddens
Sound Tech	Bill Huber	Bill Huber
Camera Tech	Jeff Paiste	Stephen Croffie Djan
Security Trustee	Ben Hatcher	Kami Lannetti
Sunday Stewards	Robert King	Ed Lilly
	Sandra Clark	Dave Lannetti
Monday Counters	Gary Chiaverotti	Chris Burge
	Gordon Glover	GM Ziller
Bus Driver	Kami Lannetti	Jonathan Clark
Ushers	Rob Baxter	William LeHew
	Ben Hatcher	Dave Lannetti
	Traci Shepard	Kami Lannetti
	Gary Chiaverotti	Monica Levow

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Music Director	Karla Robinson; music@larchmontumc.org
Organist	Will Pearson; wpearson@odu.edu
Financial Secretary	Rita Turner; giving@larchmontumc.org
Bookkeeper	Amber Pickrell, bookkeeping@larchmontumc.org
Preschool Director	Meg Ditty; lumps@larchmontumc.org
Children's Ministry Director	Cathy Hickman; education@larchmontumc.org
Youth Director	youth@larchmontumc.org
835LIVE Worship Leader	Dai Poole; worshipleader@larchmontumc.org
Digital Communications	Ron Pionk; CommunicationsSpecialistLUMC@gmail.com
Housekeeper	Robert Ragland