



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>God, the Almighty</i>	Gary Davidson
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Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Opening Hymn	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	No. 361
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†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Introit	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> (v. 1)	No. 400
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†Call To Worship	Kathy Wetzol, Worship Leader
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Leader: Why are you here?

People: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

Leader: You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

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Leader: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

People: You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Let us learn from the Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

Edited by Edward Broughton

Prayer for the Day

Teaching God,

We want to learn your ways.

We want to learn the ways of forgiveness.

We want to learn the ways of grace.

We want to learn your ways of love.

That is part of why we return to your text week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you. So, as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds. Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have missed in this story before.

God, we want to learn your ways.

Meet us here. Speak your truth.

Help us listen. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Fran Cooper

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Cathy Coleman

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:15-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

If We Will Seek the Lord

Nancy Price and Don Besig

If we will seek the Lord, we will surely find Him.

If we will follow Him, He will show the way.

If we will take His hand, He will walk beside us,

Guiding each step we take from day to day.

If we will ask the Lord, He will surely answer.

If we will talk with Him, He will hear our prayer.

If we will turn to Him, He will lead us onward,

Teaching us how to live, to love and share.

God gives so much to us, both you and me,

All we can hear and touch and see.

What can we give to Him? What can we do?

All He asks of us is our faith, and trust, and our will to carry through.

Come now and serve the Lord; join with one another.

Reach out and share His love everywhere you go.

If we believe in Him, He will make us stronger.

Our lives will all be blessed, our faith will grow; our faith will come.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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
11:45 a.m.	Camp Occohannock Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Beacon Youth at Lenten Supper and Study
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Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:45 p.m.	Larchmont Kids at Play

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Larchmont Ringers
6:00 p.m.	8:35LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Team via Zoom
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.	Palm Cross Party
9:00 a.m.	Grounds Work Day

Sunday, March 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	Worship Service
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Member Portal

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com>

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

March 17, 2024

Palm Cross Party

Please join us in making palm crosses on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00am. Snacks will be provided. Contact Pastor Fran- pastor@larchmontumc.org to let her know you are coming.

The Trustees grounds work day has been rescheduled for this Saturday, March 23rd from 9 AM until noon.

Please bring your garden tools as we work together to pull weeds, prune and clean up the outside of our church property. All are welcome, and no skill is required. Trash bags will be provided. Questions should be directed to Robert King at robertking13@cox.net or 757-640-0999.



Church-wide Lenten Study for all ages – Sundays, March 17th & 24th

These Sunday evenings, we gather as a church community at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At 6pm, following dinner, adults, youth, and children will break off into their respective groups to study the themes from our worship series, Wandering Heart and lessons from Peter for our own walk with Christ. Register online using the QR code. Paper RSVPs can be found in the Monroe Place lobby and Narthex.



Lenten Offering

Each year, during the season of Lent, we receive a Special Offering that goes toward the missions' endeavors of our church. Please use the envelope available in your pew, the Narthex and Monroe Place entrance and mark your gift, "Lenten Offering." **To give online simply scan the QR code and fill in the requested information.**

GriefShare

Beginning April 4th at 7:00 pm, LUMC will host a GriefShare support group. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief after the death of a loved one. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Participants will learn helpful ways to cope with grief and have support along the way. Workbooks are \$20, but scholarship money is available if needed. Please sign up by contacting Pastor Megan at pov@larchmontumc.org.

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

1. "Love your neigh - bor and for-give." Words so sim - ple
2. Sounds of bombs and bul - lets ring, War is all we've
3. Love is risk - y, peace is faint And for - give - ness

4 yet, so hard. We have wounds be - cause we've lived,
ev - er known. Pac - i - fists are framed as weak,
feels na - ive. All are sin - ners, all are saints

7 Cal - lus - es en - fold our hearts. Je - sus reach - es
We re - ly on might a - lone. Je - sus paves the
And we all God's grace re - ceive. So we fol - low

10 out to touch Wounds and hearts that hold too much.
paths of peace Ev - en as the threats in - crease.
mer - cy's way, Soft - en - ing our hearts to grace.

WORDS: Anna Strickland, 2023

REDHEAD 76

MUSIC: Richard Redhead, 1853



Holy Week at Larchmont UMC

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday Worship Services

8:35LIVE Service

10:30 a.m. Service with Procession of Palms

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Stations of Peter - 12pm – 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

Come anytime during this 7-hour period as an individual or as a couple/family group to walk the “the way of sorrows” to the cross. As a nod to the Stations of the Cross, this service highlights Peter’s role in the crucifixion narrative. In each of 6 Stations, we experience a scripture, multisensory experience, and meditation to engage, confess, and lament as Peter and the other disciples did on this sacred day. In this way, we follow Jesus to his death with Peter as our companion.

Sunday, March 31st Easter!

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am in Triangle Park, Larchmont

Contemporary Service at 8:35 am in the Fellowship Hall

Traditional Service at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Live butterfly release at 9:45 am in the Green Space

Please bring flowers to adorn our cross on Holy Saturday or Easter Morning.

The cross is located on the Monroe Place lawn.

Larchmont United Methodist Church Staff Listing

Lead Pastor

Pastor of Visitation

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Bookkeeper

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8:35LIVE Worship Leader

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	This Sunday March 17, 2024	Next Sunday March 24, 2024
Worship Leader	Kathy Wetzel	Debbie Miller
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	Sandra Clark	Robert King
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	Rob Baxter	Doug Nashold
	Liz Paiste	Gary Chiaverotti
	Dave Lannetti	Traci Shepard

Our Mission »»

- “ Help seekers to begin in faith.
 - “ Help believers to grow in faith.
 - “ Help the community to thrive in faith.
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Lent/Easter 2024 Worship Series - Wandering Heart

Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God. When you look closely at Peter's story, you find Jesus at each step along the way – offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betrayal, and offering him agapē love. This Lent, we're joining Peter in figuring out faith. We're not idolizing or vilifying him; instead, we're hoping to wander alongside him, open to what we might learn about Jesus (and ourselves) by stepping in his shoes.
