



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *To God All Glory Given* Rachel Sawyer

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Opening Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* No. 598

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Introit *Hymn to Joy*

†Call To Worship Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader

Leader: Holy One, as we gather this morning to worship you, may we speak truth, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

People: **May we pray in faith, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.**

Leader: May we sing with joy, so that our words may give grace to those who hear.

People: **May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts, so that your words may give grace to us who hear. Amen.**

Prayer for the Day

Sovereign God, you alone are worthy of the deepest adoration of our souls, the extravagant praise of our lips, the unbridled love of our hearts – for you alone are God. There is none other who forgives our shortcomings, who redeems us in this life and the next, who showers us with blessing and grace. And so it is that we come to offer our hearts, minds, souls and strength through which to love you and worship you. Give us singleness of purpose in following you, courage and conviction to be your light in the midst of darkness, and passion to proclaim your Word of truth. Amen.

Prayers of the People Rev. Fran Cooper

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Cathy Hickman

Scripture Lesson James 1:9-25 Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* David H. Williams

*From all that dwell below the skies let the creator's praise arise,
Let the redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.
Eternal are thy mercies lord, and truth eternal is thy word,
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
Praise God from whom all blessing flow, praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Sermon ***"Deadly Off-Ramps and Right Road Signs"*** Pastor Fran Cooper
(James Series)

†Response Hymn *Thy Word Is a Lamp* No. 601

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

**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 *Praise the Lord* Don Freudenburg

†Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

*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.*

†Hymn *Lead Me, Guide Me* Printed in bulletin

†Benediction Pastor Fran Cooper

†Benediction Response *7-Fold Amen* P.C. Lutkin

†Postlude *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* John Behnke

GRACE

2214

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of lyrics, with a triplet of eighth notes under the word 'if'. The third staff contains the third line of lyrics, with a triplet of eighth notes under the word 'let'. The fourth staff contains the fourth line of lyrics, ending with a long horizontal line under 'me'.

Stanzas included in other editions.

WORDS: Doris Akers

MUSIC: Doris Akers

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

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THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m. Nursery
8:35 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. The Names of God - Ladies Study
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Amy Ferebee Music Recital
5:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

Monday, April 22, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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

Thursday, April 25, 2024

9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Grief Share

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m. Nursery
8:35 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. The Names of God - Ladies Study
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Use this QR code to give online using your phone.



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

April 21, 2024



The altar flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 30th wedding anniversary by Liz Smith and Fred Dobbs

LARCHMONT
Spring Concert
MUSIC OF DIETRICH
BUXTEHUDE
AND MICHAEL JOHN
TROTTA

PRELUDE
EINE KLEINE NACHTMUSIK
WOLFGANG AMADEUS
MOZART

MAY 12TH, 2024
10:30 AM
1101 JAMESTOWN CRESCENT
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
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TONIGHT - 5 pm
Blessing of the Animals
on the Green Space



DINNER GROUPS

It's time to reshuffle our LUMC Dinner Groups AND add new participants, so:

-If you've been in a group, please let us know if you and your family are still interested in participating (we hope you say YES!) and if there are any changes to your preferences.

-If you haven't been in a group, we hope you'll join us! Each group meets roughly once a month, in someone's home or in a restaurant. The host/hostess of the month determines the location, and the at-home dinners are potluck, with the host/hostess deciding on the type of meal, but all include fun fellowship! A variety of options are available, so scan the QR code and let us know your preferences, or contact the front office to sign up (757-489-8168)!

Group assignments will be announced in May with a lead "organizer" designated to initiate each new group's first dining event.

Bon Appétit!



APRIL IS SPRING SHEET-A-THON MONTH

Union Mission is in need of new bedding for their shelter guests. Please consider donating a new set of x-long white TWIN sheets for this cause.

Contact Liz Paiste with any questions: 484-634-2144 and THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of others!

NOTE: She found a nice 3 piece set on Amazon by CGK Unlimited!



Scan the QR code to take our Worship Survey!

Cinco de Mayo!

Join us for a church-wide celebration of Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 5th, right after the 10:30am service. There will be a taco bar, desserts, and a sing-along and piñata for the kids.

New Members

Pastor Fran will be bringing in new members to the life of our church the last 2 Sundays in May. If you are interested in learning more about joining our church at these times, please contact her at pastor@larchmontumc.org. We would love to welcome you officially into our wonderful family of Christ.



LUMC Capital Campaign

March 2024 - February 2027

FINANCE REPORT for Period: March 2024

	Total To-Date	New, This Period
Amount Pledged	\$ 465,000	\$ 35,000 !
Number of Pledges	74	8 !
Amount Received	\$ 74,500	

Thank you, Larchmont Church, for supporting our Build for the Future capital campaign with such faithfulness. Sixteen percent of your pledges have already been received, and new pledges are still being offered, wonderful evidence of congregational engagement as we reimagine our sanctuary. Our "Sanctuary Building Task Force" began its work on Monday, 4/15. Please keep that team in your prayers, Living Stones!

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Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday April 21, 2024	Next Sunday April 28, 2024
Worship Leader	Gary Chiaverotti	Chris Burge
Children's Worship	Cathy Hickman	Steve Kissell
Media Tech	Suzanne Koehler	Jeff Paiste
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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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The Gospel from the Outside - Sermon Series on the Book of James

No other New Testament book is quite like James. Catchy, practical, and in your face, the book of James jumps straight into the nitty gritty of daily life. James takes the lofty doctrines of the gospel and brings them down to earth. You can't read James without being

confronted. James steps on your toes and may punches us in the gut. More than anything, James wants us to do something with the gospel you've been given – to live it out. James could have referred to himself as Jesus' brother. Instead, he calls himself "a servant of God." And through his book, he's calling us to do exactly that – to serve God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

