



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

The Brightest Trumpet

Steven Scott

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 102

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Introit

Hymn to Joy

†Call To Worship

Chris Burge, Worship Leader

Leader: Put your confidence in God.

People: Those who have God as their helper will rejoice.

Leader: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

People: God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: So, put your trust in God's goodness.

People: Let God's reign endure forever!

ALL: Let us worship God.

Prayer for the Day

Just God, you are even handed in your justice and in the day of judgment will not play favorites. We confess that we are not so fair in our dealings. We are often unduly impressed by the powerful and the clever and excuse in them what we would condemn in the powerless and ignorant. Forgive superficiality and neglect of people needing advocacy and friendship, through the friend of sinners, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Fran Cooper

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Steve Kissell

Scripture Lesson

James 2:1-13

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Come, Let Us Sing of Thy Glory

Gordon Young

Come, let us sing, let us sing of his glory (x 3); Come let us sing forevermore.

Come, bring a song from every nation; Come, bring a song from every shore;

Come, let us be one congregation; Come let us sing forevermore.

Ever let us sing! Ever let us sing! Sing in his praise forevermore. Amen.

Come, let us sing, let us sing of his glory (x 3); Come let us sing forevermore.

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Come, let us sing, let us sing to his glory; Sing His praise! Let us sing forevermore.

Sermon

"People Who Don't Belong in Church"
(James Series)

Pastor Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn

Bread of the World

No. 624

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

Lord, We Humbly Pray

Ignaz Pleyel

†Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

†Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Printed in bulletin

†Benediction

Pastor Fran Cooper

†Benediction Response

7-Fold Amen

P.C. Lutkin

†Postlude

Recessional

Joseph Prentiss

GRACE

2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so) } God can use me —

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so) } God can use me —

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! (an - y - time!)
 (my Lord,)

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum

FM GONNA LIVE
Irregular

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Monday, April 29, 2024

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

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

3:45 p.m. Larchmont Kids at Play

Wednesday, May 1, 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
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2, 2024

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

Friday, May 3, 2024

11:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Hosts Preschool Ice Cream Party

Sunday, May 5, 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
11:30 a.m. Cinco de Mayo Event
3:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
6:30 p.m. Beacon Youth

Use this QR code to give online using your phone.



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

April 28, 2024

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.

Let's Drain the Rain in the Green Space

Support Andrew Gilmore's fundraising efforts to build a rain garden in the green space. This is his Eagle Scout Project. All labor will be completed by Scouts from Troop 24. He hopes to raise \$2000 for plants and materials. Checks and cash—made out to LUMC with "Rain Garden" in the memo line—will be collected through May 12 or use the QR code and the top drop down menu to "*Give to Rain Garden Fundraiser.*"



Kits for Conference

It's time to collect items for the hygiene kits that we make each year to go to UMCOR. Please take a card from the bulletin board, purchase the items listed and return them to the collection bins in the narthex or the Monroe St. entrance. Items should be returned by May 19th. Thanks for your support of this project!



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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is May 15th from 1 to 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions or to sign up contact Traci andrew.shepard1@cox.net



Scan the QR code to take our Worship Survey!

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!



This is your last chance to sign up for our upcoming Financial Peace University Course!

Our first session starts this afternoon at 3:30 pm
Larchmont United Methodist Church, 1101
Jamestown Crescent (come in via the
entrance on Larchmont Crescent). Visit
<https://www.fpu.com/11DF15> or just

come to the first class! **AND...this life-changing course is FREE** by contacting Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com) before you sign up! (You get the workbook and a year's membership to course resources)!



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!

Member Portal

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com>



Missions Opportunity!

Volunteers needed Friday May 31st to help support James Monroe's Field/Carnival Day. Please email Beth Vinson bethvinson1956@gmail.com with questions and sign ups

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Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday April 28, 2024	Next Sunday March 5, 2024
Worship Leader	Chris Burge	Monica Levow
Children's Worship	Steve Kissell	Pastor Fran
Media Tech	Jeff Paiste	Suzanne Koehler
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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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A word from your Pastor about the General Conference of the United Methodist Church

The General Conference of the UMC is convening now in Charlotte, NC, and runs through May 3. Every Annual Conference from four continents around the world sends a specified number of delegates to this quadrennial decision-making body. Our own Virginia Conference is sending 11 clergy and 11 lay delegates.

This General Conference will consider multiple proposals aimed at shaping the future of The United Methodist Church, including legislation about: regionalization (recognizing important contextual differences throughout the world), budgetary reductions, revised social principles, disaffiliation processes, same-sex weddings and self-avowed practicing gay clergy, adding more African bishops, a new clergy retirement plan; and other proposals facing the church at large. Based on the subject-matter of this legislation, we can expect there to be wide-spread conversation, interest, and perhaps some troublesome divisiveness. We pray for God's will to be done and for our United Methodist Church at large to live out Christian integrity, wisdom, and the love of Christ in the discussions and decisions that are made. I am asking you to pray daily for these proceedings.

For more information please go to this site <https://vaumc.org/gc2024/>
