



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	Selections from <i>Prelude on Psalm 23</i>	Herbert Howells
---------	---	-----------------

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	No. 577
--------------------	--------------------------------------	---------

†Introit	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i> (v. 4)	No. 396
----------	--	---------

*O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end.
O, give me grace to follow, my master and my Friend.*

†Call To Worship	Kathy Wetzel
------------------	--------------

Leader: What in our lives do we dream about for tomorrow, void of sorrow?
Time spent regretting decisions of our yesterdays, mistakes we made?

**People: Sometimes we get what we get, life disappoints us and yet, God is still
here and somehow, this faith is good enough.**

Leader: Let us pray together:

All: Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of
the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble; lead us on level paths.
Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into
simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Cooper

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

Improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*

Will Pearson

†Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

OLD 100th

†Closing Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 396

†Benediction

A Blessing for When You Realize Everyone is Struggling

Leader: Blessed are you who see things clearly, where struggle is everyone's normal. You walk among the fellowship of the afflicted, a club no one wants to join. And while this life is not shiny, it does come with superpowers: Superpowers of ever-widening empathy and existential courage that gets you back up after another fall and a deepened awe at the beauty and love that can be found amid life's rubble. Like flowers that grow from the cracks in the sidewalk, these virtues blossom in you. And thank God for you.

People: Blessed are all of us who struggle, for we are in good company, and we will never walk alone. AMEN.

Leader: The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit goes with us, now and always.

All: AMEN.

†Benediction Response

How Beautiful (Paris)

ALL

How beautiful; how beautiful;

How beautiful is the Body of Christ.

†Postlude

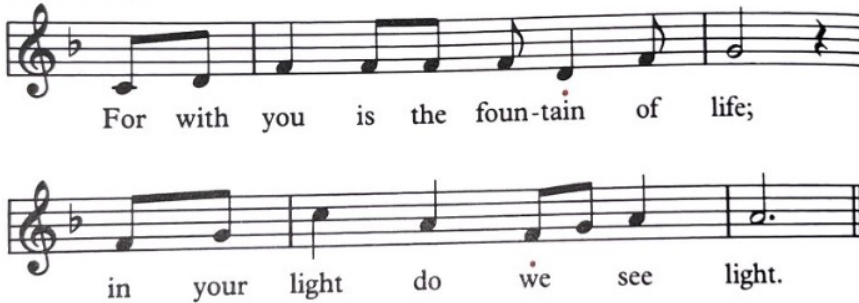
Selections from *Prelude on Psalm 23*

Herbert Howells

Psalm 27

RESPONSE (General)

Ps. 36:9
Jane Marshall



Children's Message

Traci Shepard

Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV-UE)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

Cathy Ogram, clarinet

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, in the house of the Lord forever, forever.

Sermon

"So Much is Out of Our Control"

Rev. Fran Cooper

Sermon Series: GOOD ENOUGH:

Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

†Response Hymn

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

No. 480

Celebrating Our Offerings

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 16, 2025

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.	VBS Meet and Greet
3:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University
5:00 p.m.	Beacon Youth
5:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Study

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
------------	---------------

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Larchmont Ringers
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 20, 2025

2:00 p.m.	Senior Social
-----------	---------------

Sunday, March 23, 2025

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.	Fellowship Committee
11:30 a.m.	Education Committee
5:00 p.m.	Beacon Youth
5:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Study

Use this QR code to give online using your phone



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

March 16, 2025

volunteer now for:



coming to Larchmont UMC on:

SATURDAY MARCH 29

sign up now at:

events.riseagainsthunger.org/Larchmont2025



Snacks With the Pastor – March 30th at 11:30 am

Pastor Fran is inviting folks interested in becoming more involved and/or joining our community to an information and sharing session in the Fellowship Hall. Please let her know if you would like to attend by emailing her at pastor@larchmontumc.org. We are aiming for a New Member Joining Sunday on April 6th.



Church-Wide Lenten Study, All Ages

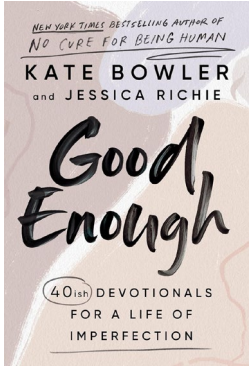
Sunday Evenings, March 16, 23, 30

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Study at 6 p.m. - adults, youth, and children will break off into their respective groups to study the themes which coordinates with our weekly Sunday worship topics.

Lenten Devotional and Extra-Credit Book

Please let us know if you would like to receive an email with a link for a Lenten Devotional to accompany your spiritual journey this season. We can email it to you if you would like that resource. Just mark a note on your sign-in connection card and make sure we have your correct email address. Additionally, a lot of our worship focus for this Lent will refer to a book by the author, Kate Bowler entitled Good Enough - 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection. It can be purchased on Amazon for \$9.99.



Lenten Offering

Each year, during the season of Lent, we receive a Special Offering that goes toward the missions' endeavors of our church. Your gifts to the Lenten Offering expand our ministries in support of these wonderful areas of service to others: The Winter Shelter (formerly NEST); James Monroe Elementary School (in Park Place); Lafayette Concordia Nursing Home

residents; Mission Trips; food ministries in Park Place and Huntersville; Bridge camp for inner-city children; hygiene kits for Conference; and Union Mission. Please use the envelope available in your pew, the Narthex and Monroe entrance and mark your gift, "Lenten Offering." **To give online, scroll down and specify your gift for "Missions Projects" and type the note, Lenten Offering.**



VBS Registration is now open!

July 21st - 25th

True North - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Candy for Easter Eggsploration

The Education Committee would appreciate your gift of individually wrapped candy for this year's egg hunt. There will be a basket in the Narthex, Social Hall, Preschool Hall, and at the Monroe Place door, outside the main office. Your contributions are due by Sunday, March 30. The Easter Eggsploration will be Saturday, April 5, 9:00-11:00 beginning with a Pancake Breakfast. Thank you so much for your contributions.

We NEED you!

Notice the emphasis on NEED! Your choir is so wonderful and dedicated, but we need more folks who just enjoy singing. Please come on Wednesday evening from 7:30-9 and give us a try. We have an amazing spring concert coming up and would love to have you as part of it. Would you like to just try singing with us for one Sunday (and a couple of Wednesday rehearsals)? How about singing with us for Easter service. Please email music@larchmontumc.org or call Karla to chat 757-572-1444.

You are Good Enough!

Lenten Worship Series -

Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility- climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do "the right thing." But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we've just slipped from. So, what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our "good enough" lives.



Assisting in Worship

This Sunday
March 16, 2025

Kathy Wetzel
Traci Shepard
Suzanne Koehler
Bill Huber
Clarise Hicks
Robert King
Pris Peake
Gary Chiaverotti
Pris Peake
Jonathan Clark
Brian Casey
Monica Levow
Dave Lannetti
Sandra Clark

Next Sunday
March 23, 2025

Jonathan Clark
Scott Guirlinger
Suzanne Koehler
Jeff Paiste
Clarise Hicks
Jonathan Clark
Fred Dobbs
Watt Jones
Suzanne Koehler
John Fitzwilliam
Jonathan Clark
Rob Baxter
Gary Chiaverotti
Liz Paiste

Larchmont United Methodist Church
1101 Jamestown Crescent
Norfolk, VA 23508
757-489-8168 office/ 757-489-1267 fax

Lead Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Pastor of Visitation
Music Director
Organist
Financial Secretary
Bookkeeper
Preschool Director
Interim Children's Ministry Director
Youth Director
Interim Assistant Children's Ministry Director
835LIVE Worship Leader
Digital Communications
Housekeeper

Rev. Fran Cooper; pastor@larchmontumc.org
Becky Crockett; office@larchmontumc.org
Dave Loughery; pov@larchmontumc.org
Karla Robinson; music@larchmontumc.org
Will Pearson; wpearson@odu.edu
Madylan Graham, giving@larchmontumc.org
Amber Pickrell, bookkeeping@larchmontumc.org
Meg Ditty; lumps@larchmontumc.org
Cathy Hickman; education@larchmontumc.org
Madylan Graham, youth@larchmontumc.org
Madylan Graham, youth@larchmontumc.org
Sarah Kingsley; worshipleader@larchmontumc.org
Ron Pionk; CommunicationsSpecialistLUMC@gmail.com
Robert Ragland
