GATHERING

Words of Welcome  Richard and Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  Blue #178
Hilary Rhodes and Jeremy Botts, Song Leaders

Call to Worship

Leader:  This day is holy to the Lord our God,
People:  for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
Leader:  Do not mourn or weep,
People:  but rather eat, drink, and do not be grieved.
Leader:  For God has played the greatest
of practical jokes on death,
People:  and Jesus Christ is raised from the grave!
All:  So let us laugh and rejoice as we worship
the Lord, who brings joy out of sorrow
and laughter out of tears!

 Opening Prayer

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Time  Ruth Quiroa

Scripture Reading  Joe Hayward

Leader:  Listen for the Word of the Lord.
People:  Our ears are open.

Psalm 126: 2-5

Leader:  This is the Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Message:  “Thanks Be to God for Things that Make Us Laugh”

Lord, You Give the Great Commission  Green #63

Sharing in Community

Offering Prayer

Music for Meditation  Esther and Aaron Wetherill

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader:  Lord, in your mercy/goodness,
People:  O Lord, Hear My Prayer  Blue #348

Work of the Church

Sending

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  Blue #71
Blessing

Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open
to the startling, and upside-down,
ways in which you work.
Fill us with Easter’s laughter;
fill us with your healing joy;
fill us with the love poured into us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
This Week’s Activities

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Announcements

- The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** meets on a periodic basis with each of the pastors. It functions as a support group for the pastors and as a link between them and the congregation. The next meeting with Barb and Richard will take place on May 2. If you have suggestions, concerns, or positive feedback about our pastors that you'd like addressed at the meeting, please email sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org, or contact any of the PCRC members: Caroline S. (Chair), Elise E., Tim K., and Doug K.

- We will hold a short, **virtual congregational meeting** on May 3 to approve our 2020-2022 leadership slate. The meeting will be over Zoom and will start at the conclusion of the service, before the children’s gathering time. We will enable the technology so that people can share feedback as they would be able to during an in-person meeting.