



The Promise  
of Passover

TO LOMBARD  
MENNONITE  
CHURCH

September 29, 2024

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Jeremy Botts, Song Leader

*Voices Together (VT) #624*

WELCOME

Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 124: 8, Exodus 20: 1-2

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**People: What did God do to help us?**

Leader: God chose the people of Israel to make  
a new beginning.

**People: They received God's covenant and prepared  
the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel,  
God said,

**People: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of  
the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."**

**All: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord,  
who continues to be our God and who still brings  
us out of the places of our bondage.**

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

*Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us  
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

VT #565

VT #581

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Snowy Owl, Op. 101, No. 43 (Beyer)*

Neil Ewert

OFFERING PRAYER

### CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51: 1-3, 10-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your great compassion,  
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and put a new and steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

—VT #889

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Joe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.

**People: Our ears and hearts are open.**

Exodus 12: 1-13, 13: 1-8

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.

People: **Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON Adrien Keables Hayward  
“The Stories that Shape Us”

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT

HYMN OF RESPONSE  
*What Wondrous Love Is This?* VT #564

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Neil Ewert  
*Minuet, Op. 1, No. 2 (Reinagle)*

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: **hear our prayer.**

WORK OF THE CHURCH

## SENDING

SENDING HYMN  
*Hey Ney Yana (I Walk in Beauty)* VT #836

WORDS OF BLESSING

### TODAY at LMC

Introduction to Commissions  
Fair | 11:30 AM

- Sanctuary (to start)
- Administration: Office Wing
- Community Life: Fellowship Hall
- Mission: Sanctuary
- Education: Narthex
- Worship: Conference Room

### THIS WEEK at LMC

**Mon**—ACA Mtg, 7 PM  
Technology Committee, 7 PM  
**Tue**—Contemplative Prayer via  
Zoom, 7 PM  
**Wed**—Women of the Word  
Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
**Thu**—Menno Men, 9:30 AM  
**Sat**—Karaoke Night, 7-10 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The LMC Ministry Team invites you to join us for a **Commissions Fair today at 11:30 AM**. Come, meet fun people, and learn about how you can be a part of the wonderful work of the LMC ministry commissions—Administration, Christian Formation, Community Life, Mission, and Worship. We will gather first in the sanctuary and then rotate in small groups to visit each one of the commissions. There will be mystery snacks at each stop!
- Join us for **Karaoke night this coming Saturday** (Oct 5) from 7-10 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Sing to your favorite songs (1000s to choose from), cheer on your friends, and enjoy some snacks. There is a suggested donation to help offset the cost of the karaoke rental, with any remaining proceeds going towards the MYF summer trip.
- Want to know more about who Mennonites are and what we believe? Are you interested in learning more about this congregation and possibly becoming a member at LMC? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, pastors Richard and Barbara invite you to join them for a **Mennonite Inquiry Class** starting next Sunday (Oct 6). The 6-week Sunday school class will meet in the office classroom.
- This Friday at 6 PM, there will be an **interfaith vigil** in the neighborhood of Little Palestine at the Qahwa House (7544 W 103rd St, Bridgeview) to observe the one year anniversary of the events of October 7. Pastor Nathan will be providing the Christian prayer for the press conference and ceremony.
- On Saturday (Oct 5) at 1 PM, **Palestinian allies will hold a rally** in the park at Michigan Avenue and Ida B Wells. Mennonite Action folks will meet for coffee beforehand at noon. For more details, contact Pastor Nathan or Dave M.
- Menno Haven Camp will hold their **fall workday this Tuesday and Wednesday** from 8 AM—4 PM. You can come volunteer, meet others that love camp, and enjoy a meal. For more information or to sign up to attend, visit [mennohaven.com/work-day](http://mennohaven.com/work-day).