



WELCOME

Covenant Sunday

TO LOMBARD
MENNONITE
CHURCH

November 17, 2024

We are glad you could worship with us today!

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Spirit, Open My Heart

Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader

Voices Together (VT) #636

WELCOME

Eric Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Covenant with me to spread community to the world
beyond this place.

**People: Sing anew God's praise, accept our ministry,
begin the healing task.**

Leader: See afresh again God's image in each one;
reflect that face ourselves.

**People: Unite with those who love enough to move
toward change, empowered by the Spirit.**

**All: Go on our way in joy; create a celebration.
God's likeness lives in us.**

—Iben Gjerding, Katherine Kinnamon

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

VT #196

VT #539

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Choir

Guárdame, Señor (Bless and Keep Us, Lord) (Sedio)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our faith is so small, O God. We often find ourselves asking,
like Nicodemus, “How can these things be?”**

Help us to face our unbelief.

Teach us to accept what life brings.

**Inspire us to be a compassionate presence in the world,
and to receive anew the rebirth of water and Spirit**

offered to us in Jesus. Amen.

—Diane Zaerr Brenemann

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

Ruth Quiroa

SCRIPTURE READING

Amanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

JEREMIAH 1: 1-10; 31: 31-34

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON

Richard Gehring

“Invitation to Covenant”

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT (*silent time of reflection*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

New Earth, Heavens New

VT #377

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Choir; Lisa Rose, violin

Speak, O Lord (Getty and Townend, arr. Edwards)

COVENANT SIGNING

INTRODUCTION

Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

CONGREGATIONAL READING

VT #960

COVENANT SIGNING

Guide My Feet

VT #816

Listen in the Silence

VT #541

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Thuma mina (Send Me, Lord)

VT #834

WORDS OF BLESSING

Please join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall. Children ages 2 – 5th grade go directly to Gathering Time before Sunday school (located downstairs in the back library).

TODAY at LMC

Adult Sunday School | 11:30 AM

- Jeeran for Palestine: "From the Heart of Gaza: Can You Hear Us?" (Fellowship Hall)

A/V Technicians: Elias Rose, CJ Yoder

Fellowship Host: Doug Kimball

Greeters: Jeremy & Caroline Steelberg

Nursery: Dinorah Scott, Caroline Steelberg; Arlee Blackburn, Mona Richards

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

THIS WEEK at LMC

Tue—Contemplative Prayer via Zoom, 7 PM

Wed—Women of the Word Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Worship Commission, 7 PM

Thu—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

Sat—Game Night, 6-9 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Get your game on! Join us for an **all-ages game night this coming Saturday** (Nov 23), from 6-9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite board games and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Jill Y. S.
- **This week's WOW** (women's Bible study) will not offer a zoom link as we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will not meet next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.