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# WELCOME

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Together on the  
Journey

TO LOMBARD  
MENNONITE  
CHURCH

January 5, 2025  
Epiphany

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Nurturing Faith: From Whom Do We Learn?

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*We are glad you could worship with us today!*

## PRELUDE

Olivia Rose

## GATHERING

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Let's Walk Together*

Adrien Keables Hayward, Song Leader  
Voices Together (VT) #6

### WELCOME

Richard Gehring

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, grant that we may learn from you  
as long as we live,

**People: that we would mature in wisdom and years.**

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned,  
grant us humility

**People: that we would sit among the teachers.**

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

**All: Jesus, teach us how to learn.**

### OPENING PRAYER

### CANDLE LIGHTING

The Hayward Family

Reader 1: We never stop facing opportunities to learn.

Reader 2: We learn through successes and achievements;  
we learn through mistakes and failures.

Reader 1: In our learning, we can also mentor others  
and model wisdom along the way.

*Light candles*

**All: Like a tree, may we grow in faith and wisdom  
with roots spreading deep to provide grounding,  
and rings of growth showing our continued learning.**

## PRAISING

*Arise, Your Light is Come!*

VT #273

*There's No One in This World like Jesus*

VT #68

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Oh Come Little Children* (Folk Song)

Caspian Burk

## OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

VT #888

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

Psalm 2: 7-8; Luke 2: 41-52

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON

Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Ask the Complicated Questions*

VT #440

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*Christmas Medley* (various)

Isaac Burk

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INSTRUCTIONS and INVITATION  
PRAYER OF PREPARATION  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Please come to the front to receive the gifts of God.  
We offer a blessing for anyone not prepared to receive communion.  
Our bread is gluten-free.

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant  
Seed, Scattered and Sown*

VT #778  
VT #477

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

VT #989A

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

WORK OF THE CHURCH

## SENDING

SENDING HYMN

*How Many Times We Start Again*

VT #553

WORDS OF BLESSING

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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).

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Today in our adult education class we begin the **final portion of our Anabaptist/Mennonite history** course. Pastor Richard will lead us in understanding the Anabaptists within the Protestant Reformation.

## TODAY at LMC

**Adult Sunday School** | 11:30 AM  
Anabaptism as a Lifestyle (Sanctuary)

**A/V Technicians:** Gray Taylor and  
Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

**Fellowship Host:** Linea Richards

**Greeter:** Carlen Sellers

**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

**Worship Nursery:** Cora B. and Arlee B.

**SS Nursery:** Caroline S. and Dinorah S.

## THIS WEEK at LMC

**Tue** Contemplative Prayer  
via Zoom, 7 PM

**Wed** Women of the Word  
Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Ministry Team, 7 PM

**Thu** Memorial Service for  
Rob McKenzie, 10:00 AM  
Pastoral Care, 7 PM

**Fri-Sun** Venture Club Winter  
Retreat at Menno Haven