



WELCOME

Anabaptist World
Fellowship Sunday

TO LOMBARD
MENNONITE
CHURCH

January 19, 2025

We are glad you could worship with us today!

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE
Mountain of God

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader
Voices Together (VT) #11

WELCOME

Joe Hayward

CALL TO WORSHIP

VT #869

OPENING PRAYER

VT #862

PRAISING

We Are People of God's Peace
My Hope Is Built

VT #797

VT #621

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Karin Redekopp Edwards

Excerpt from *Mennonite Concerto* (Davies)

2nd movement: "In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting" VT #619

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

VT #921

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

DEDICATION OF BIBLES

INTRODUCTION

Richard Gehring

LITANY

Leader: To the glory of God, who is the source of all goodness and beauty:

People: we dedicate these Bibles.

Leader: With faith in Jesus Christ, who is God with us:

People: we dedicate these Bibles.

Leader: Through the Holy Spirit, who is the giver and renewer of life:

People: we dedicate these Bibles.

Leader: As you inspired those of old to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, inspire us, O God, to open these Bibles, and to experience your grace, be challenged by your call, and to find in you our refuge and strength.

All: For in the beginning you were, and forever you will be. Speak your word to us, O God! Amen.

SONG OF DEDICATION

The Word of God Is Solid Ground

VT #399

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Aaron Levitt

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 4: 14-30 (p. 1255); 1 Corinthians 3: 11 (p. 1391)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON

Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

"Inauguration Day"

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting

VT #619

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION/CHILDREN'S TIME

Excerpt from *Mennonite Concerto* (Davies)

First movement: VT #624, #667 and others

Karin Redekopp Edwards

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Praise God (Dedication Anthem)

VT #70

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
The Mennonite Concerto, Origin, and the Hymns it Contains (Sanctuary)
Bible In A Year (Conference Room)

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Elias Rose
Fellowship Host: Dinorah Scott
Greeter: Linea Richards
Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert
Nursery: Laura Larson, Jeremy Steelberg; Dinorah Scott, Pam Eiten

THIS WEEK at LMC

Mon	Church office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tue	Contemplative Prayer via Zoom, 7 PM
Wed	Women of the Word Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Thu	Menno Men, 9:30 AM

For the 500th anniversary of the founding of Anabaptism, we are including **excerpts from The Mennonite Piano Concerto**, written by Victor Davies at the request of the Fast Foundation in Winnipeg to commemorate the 450th anniversary in 1975. The purpose was to revive interest in core Mennonite hymns by incorporating them into a contemporary work. Listen for several of the ten hymns in these excerpts in the service and in the Sunday school class and to the contemporary idioms Davies used, including 70s rock and jazz harmonies.

Celebrate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism by **reading through the entire bible this year!** Dive into, discern, and discuss the scriptures with fellow LMCers in this new adult Sunday school class, starting today in the conference room. Plan to read approximately 20 minutes each day, followed by weekly discussion. We'll provide a schedule of reading and use the new Anabaptist Community Bible (CEB translation). While weekly preparation of the text will add to the class experience, please feel free to drop in whether you have done the reading or not. Let 2025 be the year you get into the practice of daily devotion with the Word, or perhaps the year you read through the bible for the first time! *Even if you are not able to attend the class, you can still read the Bible in a year with us. We'll provide an electronic version of the schedule to anyone who would like to do this.*