

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

April 6, 2025

**CHRIST COLLIDES WITH OUR BLINDERS**

*Lent 5; Luke 18: 31 - 19: 10*

A worshipping community rooted in God's love: Following Jesus • Seeking peace and justice • Serving others

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Pam Eiten, Song Leader

*\*As We Rise, O God, to Meet You* ..... *Voices Together 39*

WELCOME ..... Adrien Keables Hayward

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we worship, Christ collides with our blinders.

**People: We want to know you and follow you, O Christ.**

Leader: Will you cry to God? Will you climb a tree?

**People: We will journey, scanning the horizon for signs of the kingdom.**

**So much is hidden, and at times we do not grasp what God is saying.**

Leader: Jesus, show us mercy.

**People: Seek and save us.**

**All: Jesus, show us mercy.**

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

*\*Open the Eyes of My Heart* ..... *Voices Together 401*

*\*Jesus, Be the Center* ..... *Voices Together 584*

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.**

Leader: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**People: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do  
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Hearing assistive devices and a larger print hymnal and Bible are available outside the doors to the sanctuary.  
Childcare (birth-age 2) is provided in the nursery at the back of the hall on this level.

Leader: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: We walk through our days with blinders on, unable to see or understand clearly.**

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us walk with open eyes and hearts so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Mara Harrington  
*Excerpt from "Adagio non lento" from String Quartet No. 2, Op. 13 (Felix Mendelssohn)*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY ..... Laura Larson

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Aaron Levitt

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

Luke 18: 31–19: 10 (p. 1280)

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Nathan Perrin  
"Seeing Clearly"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Open My Eyes That I May See* ..... *Voices Together 738*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Mara Harrington  
*One Thing's Needful*

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER ..... *Voices Together 1023*

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

**People: hear our prayer.**

WORK OF THE CHURCH

Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.

**SENDING**

SENDING SONG

\*Christ Has No Body Here But Ours.....Voices Together 568

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

**ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

For Sunday School today, Pastor Nathan will be giving a brief overview of **twelve step spirituality and how to welcome people in recovery** into community. The book he will be drawing from is called *Why Can't Church Be More Like an AA Meeting?* by Stephen R. Haynes.

On Palm Sunday, we will have our **annual Easter egg hunt** activity after the service. Stay tuned for more information!

The pastors invite you to submit jokes for possible inclusion in our annual **Holy Humor Sunday** service scheduled for April 27. Please email jokes to [staff@lombardmennonite.org](mailto:staff@lombardmennonite.org) by April 21.

We invite you to a **Maundy Thursday service on April 17** at 6 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. This service will commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, and will include both communion and a time of foot washing. If you plan to participate in this service, please sign up here so that the organizers know how many to prepare for. This year we will begin with a simple meal of soup and bread. If you are able to bring a soup to share that is dairy and gluten free, also please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.

Children ages 3 – 5th grade go directly to Gathering Time before Sunday school (located downstairs in the back library).

Sunday School Classes for all ages from 11:30–12:15 (or beginning 15 min. after the service ends).

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday School starts

2 BELLS: Start of Sunday School

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday School ends

2 BELLS: End of Sunday School

**ADULT CLASSES (APR)**

- Becoming a Fully Welcoming Church: Sanctuary
- Bible In a Year: Conference Room
- Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

**CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES**

- Ages 0-2 years: Nursery, upstairs
- Ages 3-6 years: Room 301, upstairs
- Grades 1-3: Room 102, downstairs
- Grades 4-5: Room 103, downstairs
- Grades 6-8: Room 101, downstairs
- Grades 9-12: Fireplace room, downstairs