

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



May 25, 2025

LIVING BY FAITH

Galatians 1: 13-17; 2: 11-21

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Jeremy Botts, Song Leader
**Let Us Build a House* *Voices Together 36*

WELCOME Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together as the family of faith.
People: We assemble to honor the living God.
Leader: Through Christ we become God’s holy household.
People: In Christ we are bonded together to be God’s people.
Leader: Our worship is united into oneness by the Holy Spirit.
People: In communion with the Holy Spirit, let us celebrate our unity.
All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ. *—Arlene M. Mark, Words for Worship, 1996*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Sing a New World into Being* *Voices Together 809*
**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / The Wonderful Cross* *Voices Together 323, 324*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Olivia Rose, Pam Eiten
Humoresque (Dvořák)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

**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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another
that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers,
People: but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
Leader: We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
People: but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
Leader: We have rehearsed your commandments,
People: but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
Leader: We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice.
**All: Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing
of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

—The Worship Sourcebook, 2004

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Susan Botts

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

GALATIANS 1: 13-17; 2: 11-21 (p. 1416)

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.
People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Nathan Perrin
“Subversive Acceptance”

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
I Bind My Heart This Tide Voices Together 556

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Olivia and Lisa Rose
Rondo, Op. 38 No. 1 (Mazas)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

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

**Hey Ney Yana (I Walk in Beauty).....Voices Together 836*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today is our **last day of Sunday school classes** before the summer break.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **communion**. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Mt 5:23-24).

On Sunday, June 8, we'll hold **Pastor Nathan's ordination ceremony** during our worship service, with a celebration immediately following. Cal Zehr, Illinois Mennonite Conference minister, will officiate the ordination. Come support and affirm Nathan on this significant day for both him and our congregation!

This Thursday, Mennonite World Conference welcomes guests from around the world for a day-long **commemoration of the birth of the Anabaptist movement** in Zurich, Switzerland.

You can **watch the livestream** of the closing worship service at the Grossmünster Cathedral at 10-11:30am CT (broadcast in English, French, Spanish, and German).

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet with our pastors on June 7. PCRC exists to support our pastors and to keep lines of communication open between them and the congregation. If you have kudos, concerns, or questions, please contact a member of the PCRC (Melodie Graber; Ken G Kabira; Carlen Sellers, chair; and Jonah Wetherill) or email sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org.

Don't miss an **upcoming concert by the High School Voice Choir and Handbells** from Christ Church United Methodist in Louisville, KY on Thursday, June 5 at 7:00pm at LMC.

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 (MAY)

Christian Nationalism: 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