WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

August 10, 2025

THE PRACTICE OF SILENCE

1 Kings 19:1-13

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

GATHERING

WELCOME Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God, you are a cleansing and consuming fire;

People: You are a dove coming from on high;

Leader: You are a still, small voice;

People: You are everywhere;

Leader: You are in us and about us; **People:** You have prompted our faith;

Leader: You have suggested our good works; **People:** You have formed us into your people;

Leader: You have built the church on earth.

People: You are a fire; Leader: You are a dove;

People: You are a still, small voice: and we want to listen for you and follow you.

All: Our God dwells in the heavenly temple. Let all the earth keep silent.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling	Voices	Together 544
Lord, You Sometimes Speak	Voices	Together 537

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.

^{*}Please rise in body or spirit.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Pam Eiten Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (arr. Mark Hayes) OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey; you bless us, but we do not thank you.

People: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

People: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

People: Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Leader: Hear the word of God. People: Our ears and hearts are open.	Joe Hayward
1 Kings 19:1-13 (p. 411)	
Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life. People: Blessed be God forever!	
SERMON	Nathan Perrin
LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT (silent time of reflection)	
SONG OF RESPONSE Open, Lord, My Inward Ear	Voices Together 548
MUSIC FOR REFLECTION	Pam Eiten

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND 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

*WORDS OF BLESSING

NOTES

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

Sunday school classes are on break for the summer.