

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



September 7, 2025

GOD WHO SPEAKS IN BURNING BUSHES
Church Retreat Weekend; Exodus 3: 1-6

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Jeremy Botts, Song Leader
**We Long to Know Her* *Voices Together 44*

WELCOME Richard Gehring
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God who speaks in burning bushes,
Left: in the birds of the lake,
Right: in the stars and heavens:
All: we offer you our attention today.
Left: We pray that you might help us to notice you in new ways.
Right: We pray that we might be open to the various ways you speak to us.
Leader: May this be a numinous time, infused with your spirit,
People: and a time of blessing and rest for our souls.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Wind Who Makes All Winds *Voices Together 372*
I Am That Great and Fiery Force *Voices Together 663*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Salt Creek String Band
To Canaan Land

OFFERING PRAYER

**Please rise in body or spirit.*
Hearing assistive devices and a larger print hymnal and Bible are available outside the doors to the sanctuary.
Our nursery at the back of the hall on this level is "self-serve" today.

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love, we are a broken people.
The fabric of life is tattered in our hands; the web is torn.
Even as we wound the earth we dream of its wholeness.
Even as we deplete Creation we marvel at its abundance.
Even as we separate ourselves from the natural world
we long to rejoin it, to reclaim our sacred belonging in the Body of Christ.
We have starved ourselves of your grace, O God.
Though we have turned away, forgive us. Heal us and renew us.
Deepen our hunger for unity. Renew in us the gift of your Spirit
that we may truly be branches of one vine, all Creation,
bearing the fruit of your love. Amen.**

From unfoldinglight.net/2023/03/05/earth-day

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Esther Wetherill

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Exodus 3: 1-6 (p. 64)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

TIME OF SINGING Karin Redekopp Edwards

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Planets Humming as They Wander *Voices Together* 175

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Sharon Ewert

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

**You Shall Go Out with Joy* *Voices Together 847*

**WORDS OF BLESSING* Carlen Sellers

Special thanks to today's Salt Creek String Band: Jeremy Botts, Joe Hayward, Jeremy Kropf, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor, Lisa Rose, and Olivia Rose.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We **won't hold any fellowship time today** after the worship service, due to the church retreat.

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

Next Sunday, we are **excited to welcome Dr. Anton “Tony” Deik**, a Palestinian theologian and professor at Bethlehem Bible College. Tony will be speaking during the worship service about the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) in light of the genocide in Gaza. He and Jamie Huff will also host a conversation during the Christian Formation hour about the outcomes of the July 2025 Peacebuilding Summit: Palestine in Comparative Perspective. We supported this gathering as a part of our 2024 Advent Giving project.

Next Sunday is our fall Christian Formation kickoff! We're still **looking for two more teachers** for primary Sunday school classes. Without them, not all classes will be able to begin on time. Teaching Sunday school is a meaningful way to connect with families in the congregation—please prayerfully consider helping! Contact Elise E. if you are interested.

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet with our pastors on Saturday, September 20. 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 or use our email address: sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org. Committee members are Melodie Graber, Ken G Kabira, Carlen Sellers (Chair), and Jonah Wetherill.

As a worshipping community rooted in God's love, Lombard Mennonite Church recognizes each person as a unique creation in the image of God. Firmly centering ourselves on following Jesus and seeking to be transformed through Christ, we welcome all, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, economic or social circumstances, marital status, and physical or mental ability. We support and invite everyone to participate fully in the life of the church, where we respect diverse perspectives, live out Anabaptist values and celebrate radical peace and hospitality.



FOR PASTORAL CARE NEEDS, please contact one of the pastors or any member of our Pastoral Care Team: Vina Ariyaprakai, Susan Botts, Kristen Burk, Rebecca Huff, Elliot Johnson, Doug Kimball, and Kelly Wilson. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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NOTES

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technician: CJ Yoder

Greeters: Jeremy and Caroline Steelberg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Self-service

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

Wednesday,

9:30am: Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study

7pm: Mission Commission

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7pm: Ministry Team

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Theme: Parable of the Good Samaritan

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Maryam Bighash

Greeters: Jeremy & Caroline Steelberg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Ruth Quiroa, Dinorah Scott

Sunday School: Arlee Blackburn, TBA