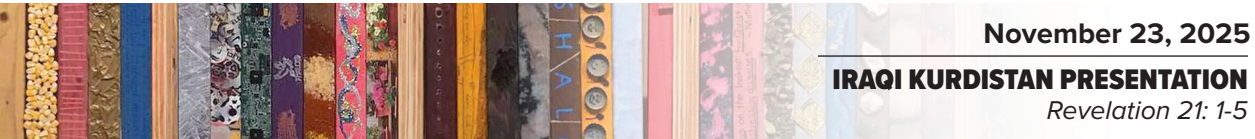


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



November 23, 2025

IRAQI KURDISTAN PRESENTATION

Revelation 21: 1-5

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Lisa Rose, Song Leader
**For the Beauty of the Earth* *Voices Together* 120

WELCOME Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Come, Ye Thankful People *Voices Together* 123
New Earth, Heavens New *Voices Together* 377

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Father God, when we feel as though the storms are raging around us,
we can let our hope lapse.

People: We confess that we do not trust you fully.

Leader: When things look dire, we pray and ask for so much less
than you’re capable of.

**People: We confess that our fear keeps us from imagining
the full extent of a world made new.**

All: Renew our hope today. Reignite our imagination.

**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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATIONHoi Ting Davidson, Karin Redekopp Edwards
يا رب السلام *Ya Rab as-salami (God of Peace and Justice)*
(Palestinian and Lebanese traditional, arr Bell; *Voices Together* 711)
שלום חברים *Shalom chaverim (Shalom, My Friends)*
(Hebrew and Israeli traditional; *Voices Together* 842)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

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

Revelation 21: 1-5 (p. 1532)

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

SERMON Nathan Perrin
"Resistance is Life"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
Beyond a Dying Sun *Voices Together* 416

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Hoi Ting Davidson, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Beauty for Brokenness (Kendrick; *Voices Together* 712)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER
Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness, *We mute the livestream during this sharing time; prayers are written for distribution for the congregation.*
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
**Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *Voices Together* 419

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Stop by the table at the bottom of the stairs to pick up a **copy of our Advent devotional**, "Starry Nights: An Advent Devotional Full of Light and Wonder." A digital version went out in Friday's e-news. Advent starts next Sunday. May this be a special season of light as we anticipate celebrating Emmanuel, God with us.

This week: None of our midweek groups will meet. The e-news and bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 11:59pm. We will hold our monthly Taizé service on Friday at 7pm in the sanctuary.

Our congregation has **two food-filled events coming up**, a potluck following the congregational meeting on December 7 and the dessert fellowship celebration immediately following the Christmas Eve service. To make these events happen, we need volunteers to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Enjoy the feeling of giving the gift of service to our LMC community. It's easy and fun! Contact Caroline S.

Beginning next Sunday, **come 5-10 minutes early** during Advent to hear our young people provide prelude music.

In two weeks (on December 7), we'll hold a **congregational meeting** during adult Sunday school, followed by a **potluck feast** of your family's favorite Christmas meals, salads, and desserts. (The meeting agenda went out in the Friday e-news.) Families A-K should bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Families L-Z should bring a main course that feeds 8-10. Crockpots are always welcome.

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

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school ends

2 BELLS: Start of Sunday school

2 BELLS: End of Sunday school

ADULT CLASSES (NOV)

Understanding Antisemitism: Sanctuary

Bible In a Year: Conference Room

Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

Ages 3-5 years: Room 301, upstairs

Grades K-2: Room 102, downstairs

Grades 3-5: Room 103, downstairs

Grades 6-8: Room 101, downstairs

Grades 9-12: Fireplace room, downstairs