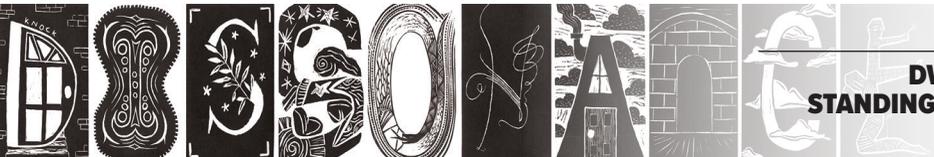


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



March 8, 2026

**DWELLING IN DISSONANCE:
STANDING UP AND STANDING BACK**

Lent 3; John 18: 1-27

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader

**Just a Closer Walk with Thee* *Voices Together 743*

WELCOME Richard Gehring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Confident, hesitant, maybe just tired.

All: We come to worship.

Leader: Wanting to follow but not always sure how.
Embarrassed by the ways we've fallen short.

All: We come anyway.

Leader: Seeking, hurting, longing, needing.

All: We come.

Leader: When hopes are high, and dreams are bright.
When hopes are dashed, and the world is not all right.

All: We come again. We keep coming.

Leader: Ready or not. Here we are.

All: Come, Jesus. Come and meet us.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* *Voices Together 558*

**Lord, I Need You* *Voices Together 155*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Hilary Rhodes, Gray Taylor, Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

How Beautiful (Twila Paris)

**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.

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, following you doesn't always go the way we expect.
We had such high hopes for you and for ourselves...

People: We feel for Peter.

Leader: In that moment of fear when everything is falling apart
we too may find that we are not as brave as we wish;
that, in fact, we are not ready to lay down our lives for anyone.

**People: But when we deny you or run from the truth
or refuse our identity and potential, you remain faithful.**

Leader: When we turn away, still you are steadfast.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING..... Carlen Sellers

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

John 18: 1-27 (p. 1319)

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

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Don't Be Afraid..... *Voices Together* 596

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Hilary Rhodes, Gray Taylor, Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Text: Isaac Watts, Tune: Senzenina, South African/
Zimbabwean traditional)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

PRAYER OF BLESSING AND HEALING FOR A. L.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness, *We mute the livestream during this
People: hear our prayer. sharing time; prayers are written for
distribution for the congregation.*

WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

SENDING

SENDING SONG

**Kwake Yesu Nasimama (Here on Christ the Rock I Will Stand)..... Voices Together 159*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

After worship during our Sunday school hour, Rev. Dr. Anna Piela, one of the co-authors of **Confronting Islamophobia**, will be Zooming in. Come join a rich conversation! ~ Nathan

The Ministry Team invites you to **submit nominations for leadership positions** at LMC by Monday, March 9. The nomination process is an important way that you can help the work of the church and every nomination matters. Extra copies of the nomination form are in the narthex. Thanks!



is looking for a few more volunteers to help run sound and manage the Sunday morning livestream. No tech genius required—just a willing heart and a finger to click buttons. See CJ for more information or email him at tech@lombardmennonite.org.

The 68th Annual **Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale** is Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. Friday night is trivia; Saturday will feature a pancake and sausage breakfast and auctions of quilts and other items. Proceeds support MCC and local relief agencies. Visit ilreliefsale.org or pick up a sale guide downstairs for more info.

Looking for the best seat in the house? (Spoiler: It's in the back!) The **LMC AV team**

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 (MAR)

Confronting Islamophobia: Sanctuary

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

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, 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 Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Valerie Kropf

Greeters: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Mona Richards, Esther Wetherill

Sunday School: Not staffed

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday,

7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

7:30pm: World Cafe Committee

Wednesday,

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

7pm: Mission Commission

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

Saturday, 2pm: Singing Resistance

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Theme: Dwelling in Dissonance: Submission & Power

Scripture: John 18: 28-40

A/V Technicians: Elias Rose, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Valerie Kropf

Greeter: Hasun Lee

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Arlee Blackburn, Dominick Rhodes

Sunday School: TBA