

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

April 12, 2026

**HOLY HUMOR**

*John 15: 9-11*

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

## GATHERING

WELCOME..... Richard & Barbara Krehbiel Gehring, Nathan Perrin

SONG OF PRAISE..... Pam Eiten, Song Leader  
*Ho Ho Ho Hosanna*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: The tomb is empty!

**People: And so are some of our beverage containers!**

Leader: God has defeated death!

**People: And hopefully our sleepiness this morning!**

Leader: Let us worship God with joy, laughter, and grateful hearts.

**People: Because if death couldn't keep Jesus down,  
then nothing can keep God's joy away!**

### OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

### WHY WE PRAISE

*Joy to the World* ..... *Voices Together* 240

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* ..... *Voices Together* 752

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Sonata in D Major, K. 96* (Scarlatti)

### 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.  
Childcare (birth-age 2) is provided in the nursery at the back of the hall on this level.

# CONFESSING

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: People of God, are you feeling worshipful yet?  
To truly worship today, we need to "de-layer."  
Forgive us Lord when we wrap ourselves in our own insecurities.

**People: We are ready to lighten the load!**

Leader: First, we let go of wondering what so-and-so meant  
when they said that to us after the potluck.

**People: Let it go!**

Leader: Next, we give up planning all the tasks we clothe ourselves in  
to give us a sense of value.

**People: Give it up!**

Leader: Finally, we cast off the burden of taking ourselves too seriously.  
God has the last laugh, and today, so do we!

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## CHILDREN'S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Amanda Olsen

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

John 15: 9-11 (p. 1316)

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

SERMON SHARING HOLY HUMOR ..... Maggie Bergevin, Joe Hayward, Jamie Huff, Alice Kabira

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

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ..... *Voices Together* 103

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Karin Redekopp Edwards  
Surprise!

# SHARING IN COMMUNITY

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

## INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

**People:** hear our prayer.

*We mute the livestream during this 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

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

### \*WORDS OF BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Some of our friends from the Turkish Cultural Center will join us in today's **"Confronting Islamophobia" class**. Along with some LMC members, they will share about the Interfaith Book Clubs that they participate in. Come learn about these relationships Muslims and Mennonites are building.

Today, we begin a **second adult Sunday school class** on Andrew DeCort's *Reviving the Golden Rule*. All are welcome; the class will meet in the conference room.

**Stop by the Fellowship Hall** for a smorgasbord of items free to a good home! The items will be out for three Sundays. We've got:

- **Lots and lots of candles:** We're retiring the taper and plain votive candles from our worship supplies due to expense and the pain of wax cleanup.
- **A few craft supplies** and miscellaneous other items.
- **Our former pew bibles** (we replaced these with the *Anabaptist Community Bible*)
- **Lost and Found** items

### 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 (APR)

Confronting Islamophobia: Sanctuary  
Reviving the Golden Rule: 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