

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

June 14, 2026

**BARNABAS AND SAUL SENT TO MINISTER**

*Acts 13: 1-3, 14: 8-18*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Pam Eiten, Song Leader

*\*Let Us Build a House*..... *Voices Together 36*

WELCOME..... Richard Gehring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, we have gathered to worship the God who delights in us.

**People: Our Creator welcomes us.**

Leader: We have gathered to affirm the belovedness in ourselves and one another.

**People: Christ sets the table for us.**

Leader: We have gathered to offer our thanks and praises to God.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

—Debbie Bledsoe

OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*Over My Head*..... *Voices Together 594*; Jack & Joe Hayward, drums

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus* ..... *Voices Together 170*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Vince Kurtz, Karin Redekopp Edwards

*Bless the Lord, My Soul* (Jacques Berthier)

OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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*\*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.

**God, we confess:**  
**we do not always believe we are loved; we do not always extend love.**  
**We do not always feel we belong; we do not always invite others into belonging.**  
**We do not always want to be seen; we do not always seek to see our neighbors.**  
**We do not always challenge systems of oppression,**  
**particularly when we benefit from them.**  
**We confess to you Almighty God,**  
**and we ask for your forgiveness, healing, and restoration.**

—Misha Ursula

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY ..... Nathan Perrin

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Cynthia Kimball

Leader: Hear the word of God.

**People: Our ears and hearts are open.**

Acts 13: 1-3, 14: 8-18 (p. 1346)

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring  
"Yakety Sax Ministry"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Sing a New World into Being* ..... *Voices Together* 809

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Vince Kurtz, Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Bleibt hier* (Berthier)

### SHARING IN 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

*\*How Many Times We Start Again* ..... *Voices Together 553*

## \*WORDS OF BLESSING

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Litanies and prayers from **Pride Worship Services 2026** created by pastors in Mennonite Church Canada and published at [inthistogethernetwork.ca](http://inthistogethernetwork.ca).

## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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As LMC continues to **celebrate Pride month** and to show our support of the LGBTQ+ community, please join us for special refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after today's service.

The Shadids and the City of Wheaton invite us to **World Peace, Dads & Music** next Sunday, (June 21) from 5-10pm at the French Market Plaza in Wheaton. This is a free, family-friendly community event designed to bring us all together through music, dance, culture, and international unity. Bring a chair, friends, and dance moves.

We'll hold our monthly **Taizé service** at 7pm in the sanctuary on Friday, June 26. All are welcome to this simple form of worship that invites participants to sit in the presence of God through quiet repeated music with simple lyrics, silence, and prayer.

### 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.