

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



July 26, 2026

WHERE IS GOD WHEN WE HAVE QUESTIONS?

John 20: 11-18, 24-29

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Karin Edwards, Song Leader
**Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* *Voices Together 7*

WELCOME Eli Reimer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God, we come to you thirsty.
People: Nourish us with your living water.
Leader: We come to you hungry.
People: Fill us with your righteousness.
Leader: We come seeking you, longing to see your face.
People: Open our eyes to your presence.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous *Voices Together 590*
We Walk by Faith *Voices Together 588*

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We cry out to God: How long will you hide your face from me?
People: How long, O Lord?

**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.

Leader: How long must I bear pain in my soul and sorrow in my heart?

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: We cry out to God, and we yearn to hear God's reply.

—Adapted from Psalm 13

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Elizabeth Shuman, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Conscientious Objector (Edna St. Vincent Millay, text; Eric Malmquist, music)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Maggie Bergevin

SCRIPTURE READING Cynthia Kimball

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

John 20: 11-18, 24-29 (p. 1324)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Emily Keefer
"Where Is God When We Have Questions?"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God..... *Voices Together* 653

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Elizabeth Shuman, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Psalm 13 (Mona Coalter)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

SENDING BLESSING FOR EMILY KEEFER

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

**The Lord Lift You Up.....Voices Together 832*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



The long wait is over: **Summerfest is this coming Saturday (Aug 1)!** Plan to join us from 4-7pm for games starting at 4pm and dinner at 5:30pm. Bring a side and/or dessert to share (homemade ice cream if you can!), chairs/ picnic blankets, and any yard games you like to lead and play.

LMC will provide the drinks, hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and ice cream toppings (everything carefully labeled for folks with dietary restrictions).

Hope to see you there!

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.