

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
May 5, 2024 – Confirmation Sunday**

Please note that children will remain in worship with their families this morning. As always, children who need busy hands during worship can grab an activity from the Quiet Corner. Parents with younger children can make use of the nursery across from the office as needed; please note that this room is not staffed. Sunday School will resume next Sunday, May 12.

PRELUDE

King Williams' March
Walter Stephens

by Jeremiah Clarke

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG**

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Creating God, we come before you today as a people who are striving to be worthy of your calling. We want to honor the gifts you have given us, and face the challenges you have set before us. Especially on this day, we remember we cannot do it alone. So come, Holy Spirit, on this Confirmation Sunday, so that we might remember to follow your call by serving others and working together to bring your agape love to the entire world. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through recognition of students completing the Confirmation Program

Val Sutton
Director of Educational Ministries

*Jomei Terpstra
RJ Temple*

*Ava Johnson
Walter Stephens*

*Liam Meyer
Max Waldschmidt*

through faith statement by students who will be confirmed

through an anthem

Rondeau
Calvin Bloesch, Trumpet

by Jean Joseph Mouret

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Opening Remarks

Pastor Jill

Confirmation Litany

Joey Dabisch and Nate Cook, Youth Confirmation Leaders

Voice 1: The journey of faith is a journey through life.

Voice 2: We are all pilgrims, travelers, making our way.

Voice 1: We follow the path of faithful people who have gone before us.

Voice 2: But for each generation, in each place and time, and for each seeker who travels this way, the road is different.

Voice 1: Today we celebrate those who take the next step in their faith.

Voice 2: We walk beside them as they join us on the journey.

Voice 1: May we have the courage tell them our stories.

Voice 2: May we share our questions and look for answers together.

Voice 1: Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.

Voice 2: Let us all make a place for them and remind them that the family of Christ is their family too, as we all worship and serve God together.

Confirmation Promises

Scripture Readings and Prayer for Each Candidate

Ava Marie Johnson

Let all that you do, be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

All: O God in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted your servant Ava. Nourish the power of your Holy Spirit within so that Ava may serve you in the world. Amen.

William Edward Meyer

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. 1 Samuel 2:10

All: O God in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted your servant Liam. Nourish the power of your Holy Spirit within so that Liam may serve you in the world. Amen

Rubeus Jamieson Temple

*Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Romans 12:15*

All: O God in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted your servant RJ. Nourish the power of your Holy Spirit within so that RJ may serve you in the world. Amen

Walter Harold Stephens

*The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks from the earth.
The one who comes from heaven is above all.
John 3:31*

All: O God in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted your servant Walter. Nourish the power of your Holy Spirit within so that Walter may serve you in the world. Amen

Max Cahill Waldschmidt

*Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
Romans 12:15*

All: O God in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted your servant Max. Nourish the power of your Holy Spirit within so that Max may serve you in the world. Amen

Confirmation Prayer

Hope Garrett and Paul Meyer, Confirmation Leaders

Reader 1: Let us pray: Almighty God, as these students are confirmed today, grant in them love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in times of temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Strengthen them for their ministry in the world through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Reader 2: O God, we thank you for each student and the promises that they made today. May they continue to grow in their faith and joy in serving you. We praise you for calling us to faith and gathering us into the church, the body of Christ.

All: We thank you for First Church of Lombard and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Students Receive Gift and Recognize Leaders

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served at the front of the sanctuary with individual pieces of bread and cups of grape juice. Gluten free elements and individually sealed cups are available for those who wish. Holy Communion is open to all!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

*PARTING SONG

Here I Am Lord

Accompanied by Max & Kecia Waldschmidt

*I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save
I have made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send? [refrain]*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Clair de Lune
Liam Meyer

by Claude Debussy

***As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.**

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Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall after worship.

If you would like to hear about upcoming events and receive the News and Notes via email, please email Bea Castillo at bcastillo@firstchurchoflombard.org. A limited number of hard copies are available in the narthex.

NEWS AND NOTES

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY- MAY 5

Join us THIS Sunday as we congratulate the youth who will be joining the church through Confirmation. We are proud of them (and their families) for their dedication to our rigorous two-year Confirmation program. We also thank the adult and youth leaders, who guided the students on this journey.

LILAC PARADE – WALKERS & RIDERS NEEDED

A group from First Church will march in Lombard's Lilac Parade on Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 PM. All ages and abilities are welcome (a car will be available for riders). The parade is a great way to represent our church to the community and to advertise for the Pride Fest coming up on June 2. Please indicate your interest in being in the parade on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Foyer and mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19!

PARKING

Have you started to notice that it is harder to find a parking spot on Sunday mornings? What a great problem to have!! If you are able to walk a little further, the commuter lot next to the Lombard Historical Society (23 W Maple) is available for our use on Sunday mornings. Also, as the weather gets nicer, consider walking, carpooling or riding your bike. Thanks for your consideration, as we always want to make sure there are spots available for those with mobility concerns and visitors.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer will be here before we know it! Our theme for this summer is “Summer of Love” making connections between love songs and biblical stories of love and compassion. We will kick off the summer with the **Pride Fest on Sunday, June 2 in our parking lot** from 12-3 PM. This is a celebration of the love and diversity in our community and has something for everyone-food truck, live music, therapy dogs, giveaways, ice cream, games, and more! We will not have worship that day, but are invited to join our friends for worship at First United Methodist at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 2. **On Sunday, June 9, our SUMMER WORSHIP time changes to 9:30 AM.** Outdoor worship is planned for Sundays, July 7, and August 4. As you look ahead to summer, plan to embrace your inner hippie as we celebrate the Summer of Love together!

COMMUNITY TABLE

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a free meal on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The last Community Table for the season will be on Wednesday, May 22nd, so don't miss your chance to come and gather with friends and enjoy a hearty meal as well.

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 19 we will recognize Mental Health Sunday with a special guest speaker-Geri Kerger, Executive Director of NAMI DuPage (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Please plan to attend to hear Executive Director Kerger speak about this important topic and plan to stay after worship for a time of Q&A.

BOOK DISCUSSION ON THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST COMING SOON!

Greetings Fellow Readers! We will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe by Richard Rohr. All are welcome... even if you don't finish the book! Copies are available in the church office for a cost of \$12 each. Please contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org to arrange pick-up of the book if you can't stop by on a Sunday morning or if copies are not available when you do!

GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION

DuPage County Forest Preserve President Dan Hebreard will be here on May 22nd at 6:45 pm in the North Conference Room to entice you with many of the treasures the forest preserves have to offer. He will dive into some of the lakes and streams that offer “big catch” opportunities, as well as where you can find bald eagles and a hairy woodpecker. He will open your eyes to all the opportunities for adventure including kayaking, archery, and canoeing. Come after CT and plan your summer adventures with Dan. Find an adventure in your own backyard. This presentation is brought to by the First Church of Lombard’s Green Team.

DINNER, DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

First Church of Lombard continues our "Dinner, Documentary, and Discussion" series on Friday, May 24 with *Out of Mind, Out of Sight*, in acknowledgment of Mental Health Awareness Month. This documentary analyzes four residents of the Brockville Mental Health Centre, an institution specializing in forensic psychiatrics associated with patients involved in violent crimes. The two men and two women of the film fight the stigma surrounding mental illness to regain control of their lives. Bring your dinner and gather at 6:00 p.m. either in the North Conference Room or via Zoom; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for links and more information.

AMOS PROJECT

Amos Project would like to invite anyone who is interested to come to their next meeting to be held on Sunday, May 26th at 11:30 AM in the Art Room. For more information, please contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com.

ESTHER’S CIRCLE ANNUAL SPRING FLING

Ladies, join in the fun by attending the Annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, June 4th at Fellowship Hall from 6:00-9:00 pm. This event is sponsored by Esther’s Circle and admission is free; all we ask is that you bring a plate to share and bring a friend. There will be wine tasting with several rounds of Bingo. Yes, there will be prizes, including a chance to win thousands! Come for the food, fun, and sisterhood. For more information call Susan Steinmiller at (773)710-4545.

SUMMER SUNDAY COLORING PROJECT

This summer, all are invited to contribute to a coloring project helping to create some larger pieces of art together. Crayons and colored pencils will be available at tables near the back of the worship space so that anyone who would like to join in the project can do so! The intent isn’t to finish any one piece in a week, but to work together all summer and create beauty together as a church family. These pictures will be available at each indoor worship service throughout the summer, starting June 9.



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IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Bob Urbain's mother, Marlene. Please keep the Urbain family and friends in your prayers.

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Judy Gustafson joined First Church because of our connection to the UCC. She enjoys hiking, bird watching, drawing and painting. Judy spends her time volunteering at the Red Cross, an animal shelter, and the Outreach House.



Cyndi Drew started watching First Church online during the Covid shutdown. It wasn't until she came to church in-person that she realized that some of her friends were members. She enjoys singing, biking, volunteering and traveling. Cyndi is a retired teacher and spent much of her career teaching overseas.



Christine (Chris) Esposito came to First Church because of her pickle ball friends. She enjoys gardening, butterflies and of course, pickle ball! She is a retired nurse and has 4 adult children.

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

The Amos Project along with Immigrant Solidarity Dupage & ComeUnity are collecting donations for refugees entering the Chicago area. Please bring to church and put in the **big blue bins located outside the sanctuary** the following:

Diapers – all sizes
Dishes, bowls, silverware
Paper goods

Kids clothes – all sizes (including underwear & socks)
Cleaning items

If you have any questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at 630-936-6668.

SAVE THE DATE

If you are interested in joining The DuPage United Housing team to learn & discuss ideas for the NEXT Accessible, affordable, supportive housing initiative please let Jeri Shaw know at 630-936-6668. The meeting will be held on May 9 at 7:00 pm-8:15 pm in Glen Ellyn.

Volunteers for Sunday, May 5, 2024	Volunteers for Sunday, May 12, 2024
<u>Liturgist</u> Christine Tani	<u>Liturgist</u> Linda Bertani
<u>Ushers</u> Jason Cooper Dave Ivey Marianne McGuire Mike Rodak	<u>Ushers</u> Kevin Lattner Kathy Underwood
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Jean & Russ Reneau	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Gabrielle Davis Barb Sorgatz
<u>Church Opener</u> Rick Hennessey	<u>Church Opener</u> Scott Garrett
<u>Sound</u> Andrew Eckhart	<u>Sound</u> Charlie Peterson
<u>Video Streaming</u> Charlie Peterson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday

Available by appointment

Friday & Saturday

CLOSED

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jill Terpstra - Senior Minister

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