

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
June 9, 2024 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**



All God's children are always welcome in worship at First Church of Lombard. This summer, children and adults are invited to take part in our "Coloring Project" at the back of the worship space and enjoy the "Pew Pocket Storybooks" in every pew. In addition, a variety of quiet activities are available in our "Quiet Corner" to keep hands busy. Parents with younger children can make use of the nursery across from the office as needed; please note that while you can hear the worship service in the nursery, the room is not staffed. We ask that children not remain unsupervised in the Narthex or Nursery.

PRELUDE

Time After Time

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG** *Love Divine All Loves Excelling (NCH #43)*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.*

*Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy God, you call us “beloved” and you love us with a fierceness that is both unsettling and comforting. May your divine love dwell within us and be enacted through us so that no matter what language we speak, love will dance within each word we say. When you call us to stand up for justice—Love will be the power that drives our actions. When we seek knowledge—Love will compel us beyond idle curiosity all the way to truth. When we offer our prayers in faith—Love for you will fill our hearts with peace. When we give of ourselves and our possessions—Love for you and your people will shine above love for worldly things. Thank you, God, for the gift of love, And empower us to walk the path love opens before us. Amen

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through an anthem

Perfectly Loved

Kate & Karen Eckhart

through scripture

1 Corinthians 1:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

through a sermon

Love Is

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

Love Astounding (tune Holy Manna)

*Love astounding, Love confounding limits fearful minds impose.
Love renewing, Love pursuing every heart until it knows
Love's transforming, healing goodness, Love's abiding gentle grace,
Love's endurance, Love's assurance, Love's consoling strong embrace.*

*Love receiving, Love believing, we rejoice with thanks and song,
Faith regaining, hope proclaiming; Love has taught us, we belong
Safe within Love's tender keeping, safe from fear's persistent call.
Love defending, Love unending, Love of God enfolding all.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

Enter My Heart (Sing, Prayer and Praise #39)

*Enter my heart, enter my heart, O Spirit of pow'r and love.
May I proclaim your holy name. O Spirit, enter my heart.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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

SENDING FORTH THE YOUTH COMMUNITY SUMMER MISSION TEAM

Congregational Promise (unison):

As you go, we go with you: awed by God's wonder, present with our prayers, changed by your commitment and empowered to work together upon your return for a just world for all. Amen

***PARTING SONG**

*We are One in the Spirit
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. [Refrain]*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each other's dignity and save each other's pride. [Refrain]*

*All praise to the Creator, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. [Refrain]*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

For Good

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

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Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour 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.

We acknowledge that First Church of Lombard UCC is located on the traditional native lands of the Kiikaapoi, Peoria, Bodewadmiakiwen, Miami and Oceti Sakowin peoples.



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWS AND NOTES

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SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship starts THIS Sunday, June 9, and our worship time changes to 9:30 AM.

YOUTH COMMUNITY MISSION TRIP SENDING FORTH

All are invited to a special "Sending Forth" for the First Church of Lombard Youth Community Mission Trip during the 9:30 a.m. worship service THIS Sunday, June 9. Please keep the team in your prayers... and be watching for updates during the week of the trip (June 16-22)!

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 this Sunday, June 9.

PEW POCKET STORYBOOKS

Don't miss the children's books available in the pews this summer! These books, from our children's library on the lower level, offer thoughtful entertainment for children as they join their families in worship throughout the summer.

BLOOD DRIVE

Show your support this summer and donate blood! Every donation saves up to 3 lives! The Village of Lombard will be holding a blood drive event on Tuesday, June 11th, in Fellowship Hall from 1:30 PM – 7:00 PM. All donors will be entered for a chance to win a cruise!

Register [HERE](#) to donate. Walk-ins are also welcome.

GUEST SPEAKER ON JUNE 23

Elmhurst University Chaplain, Rev. H. Scott Matheney will be our guest speaker during worship on Sunday, June 23. We will present the donation from our March Madness fundraiser, during his visit. Plan to attend worship and hear Rev. Matheney preach.

A LOOK AT JUNETEENTH FOR FCL'S DOCUMENTARY NIGHT

First Church of Lombard continues the "Dinner, Documentary, and Discussion" series on Friday, June 28 with *Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom*, an unscripted documentary that invites viewers into the story of Juneteenth - the holiday recognizing the end of legalized slavery in Texas - through the eyes of a Black man learning about the holiday from the direct descendants of those liberated. Plan now to bring your dinner and gather at 6:00 p.m. either in the North Conference Room or via Zoom; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for details or Zoom links.

BOOK DISCUSSION COMING WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Greetings Fellow Readers! We will meet on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reed. 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!

3rd Annual Bags Tournament Fundraiser and Picnic

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, August 4th After Outdoor Worship

Join us for a time of friendly competition and good food from the grill. \$20 per person to participate and free will donation for the picnic (\$5 per person suggested)

All donations will be used to support NAMI DuPage. Sign-up information will be available in July both online and during coffee hour.

SAVE THE DATE!!

First Church of Lombard's 34th Annual Lilac Auction will take place on Saturday, September 14th. The virtual auction portion will take place from 9/8-9/13. Join us on Saturday, September 14th in Hatfield Hall for raffles, live auction, light dinner/appetizers, and fellowship. All proceeds benefit the ministries of FCL. We hope you can join us! More details this summer.

DID YOU KNOW....

Community Table served around 140 guests each month this last season? Our volunteer cooks, servers, and staff helped prepare HOME-COOKED meals for our guests on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month this season – September through May. I bet you didn't know that so much goodness was coming from our awesome kitchen twice a month! Want to be a part of this awesome group of volunteers?

Email Denise Dabisch for more information: <mailto:ddabisch@hotmail.com>

CAN YOU SOLVE A MYSTERY?

A film has been discovered in the archives and has been digitized. The title is "The Story of Bethlehem." It is not an account of the birth of Jesus. Instead, the fashions and autos shown would place it in the late 1950s or early 1960s with a focus on a school--classrooms of children, kids bouncing on trampoline (p.e. class?), etc. It would seem that perhaps the name of the school is "Bethlehem" or perhaps somewhere in Bethlehem, PA, or...? If you have any clues to shed light on this mystery, please contact Dan Jares at jares@att.net. Thanks!

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

The Amos Project invites you to any/all of the following events:

June 9- Race Amity Day picnic @ Madison Meadow pavilion noon-3 pm Potluck bring a favorite/cultural dish to share

June 15- 8:30 am IPP clean up call Patty Bruzek if you can help?

June 19- Bloomingdale Juneteenth Celebration Old Town Park 111 3rd St. 6-8 pm

June 23- Elmhurst Juneteenth Celebration 1st United Methodist Elmhurst 10:30-12:30 232 S. York Rd.

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



BEER & HYMNS

The next Beer & Hymns Night will be July 12th, in the "back room" at Manny's Ale House located at 683 St. Charles Rd., in Elmhurst.

Come sing some of your favorite hymns and some old standby American Folk songs. Singing begins at 7:00 - come early if you'd like to order some dinner.

Volunteers for Sunday, June 9, 2024	Volunteers for Sunday, June 16, 2024
<u>Liturgist</u> Rick Kelly	<u>Liturgist</u> Christine Tani
<u>Ushers</u> Barb Kelly Rick Kelly	<u>Ushers</u> Becky Kirsh Matt Kirsh
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Jean Reneau Russ Reneau
<u>Church Opener</u> Scott Garrett	<u>Church Opener</u> Tony Oakson
<u>Sound</u> Charlie Peterson	<u>Sound</u> Andrew Eckhart
<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Charlie Peterson

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

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