

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**



PRELUDE

Wear Your Love Like Heaven

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

OPENING PRAYER

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Many: Let us love one another!

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Many: Let us love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

Many: Let us love one another!

One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise.

Many: Let us love one another!

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through scripture

Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

through a sermon

Speak the Truth in Love

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNION SONG

Let us Break Bread Together (NCH #330)

*Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

*Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

HOLY COMMUNION

(For communion we will be using individually sealed cups containing a wafer and grape juice. Gluten free elements are also available. Our communion table 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

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

One Love

Stephen Davis

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

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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 Kiiikaapoi, Peoria, Bodewadmiakiwen, Miami and Oceti Sakowin peoples.



NEWS AND NOTES

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP – THIS SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to join us this Sunday for our outdoor worship service, weather permitting. Please don't forget your sunscreen and water.

BAGS TOURNAMENT

The 3rd annual bags tournament fundraiser & picnic will be held THIS 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). Everyone is invited to stay for lunch, even if you're not participating in the bags tournament.

All donations will be used to support NAMI DuPage (Mental Health Education in our Local Schools). Sign up at church (during coffee hour or on the Bulletin Board). Checks can be made to First Church of Lombard with Bags Tournament in Memo Line or donated online at: <https://tinyurl.com/FCLBagsTournament>. Indicate this as a "Miscellaneous Donation" and write "Bags Tournament" in the memo line.

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.

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.

AMOS PROJECT

The Amos Project invites everyone to attend their next meeting, which will be held on August 18th after worship in the North Conference room. Any questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com.

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT COMING FRIDAY, AUGUST 23!

All are invited to come to a classic family-friendly movie for all on Friday, August 23! Bring a chair and a friend or neighbor and gather at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of fun. Popcorn will be provided! Will be moved inside if the weather doesn't cooperate. Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions.

ANNUAL YOUTH COMMUNITY CAR WASH COMING SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Funds raised at this car wash will be used to subsidize the costs of this year's youth activities. Free will donations accepted -- tell your friends and neighbors!

THE LILAC AUCTION NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

Planning for the 2024 Lilac Auction is underway, and we need your donations! The 34th Annual Lilac Auction will be held this year September 8-14, 2024 using a hybrid format. Bidding opens on September 8th for the *virtual* auction and closes on September 14th. On the evening of September 14, 2024, there will be an in-person event with live auction items, raffles, food, beverages, and fellowship. **Mark your calendars!**

We are looking for donations from our FCL members. Your creative and generous donations help make our auction successful each year. If you are interested in donating (services, new items, gift cards, meals, monetary, etc), please fill out this form (using your phone you can scan the QR code which will direct you to the form):



BOOK DISCUSSION COMING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Greetings Fellow Readers! FCL's Beyond Words Book Discussion will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. 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 with questions, 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!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY

The 10th annual Love Your Neighbor Day will take place on September 21, 2024. Each year, a lot of great work is accomplished by the volunteers in just a single day.

Love Your Neighbor Day is an ecumenical day of service in our community sponsored by the Christian Church of Villa Park in cooperation with other local churches including the First Church of Lombard. It brings together volunteers who want to help their neighbors in need. We seek out members of our community who need help maintaining or repairing their yards and homes but do not have the physical ability or financial ability to do so themselves. By coming together as one body, and with God's help, our team of volunteers accomplish miracles in one day for these homeowners. We form friendships with one another that will help us strengthen our community and lay the groundwork for future service to our neighbors in need.

Homeowner Applications are due August 18, 2024. Please contact the church office for an application or click [HERE](#).

Volunteers are what make this day a success. At First Church, we are putting together a team or two. Come together to help homeowners in need in Lombard and Villa Park. We are always looking for more help, are you willing to reach out to someone in need? Please join the "First Church Team" by contacting the Office or Rick Hennessy at 630-962-2533. You can also fill out and return the Volunteer Sign-Up Application found [HERE](#) and return it to the office. (Rain date September 28, 2024)

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Amos Project invites you to join in helping Illinois Coalition for Displaced Immigrants (ICDI) to a sorting event on August 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church on Spring/St Charles. They will be sorting clothing donations and other donations received from the community and are looking for volunteers to help out.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at 630-936-6668

INTERFAITH BOOK DISCUSSION

Amos Project, along with the Mecca Center, invites everyone who wishes to participate in an Interfaith Book Discussion of the book, "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer on Saturday, August 17th at 1:30 PM at the Mecca Center, 16W560 91st St. in Willowbrook. Connect with those across faiths to build bridges of understanding through discussions of chosen books. RSVP to Jeri Shaw - jeri.shaw@me.com

Volunteers for Sunday, August 4, 2024	Volunteers for Sunday, August 11, 2024
<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Liturgist</u> Tiffany Warmowski
<u>Ushers</u> Andi Cooper Jason Cooper Deb Rodak Mike Rodak	<u>Ushers</u> Kevin Lattner Kathy Underwood
<u>NO COFFEE HOUR</u> Everyone is invited to the bags tournament after worship.	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Christine Esposito Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner
<u>Sound</u> Thomas Hammerschmidt	<u>Sound</u> Charlie Peterson
<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson	<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

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