

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday**



*Children in preschool through 5th grade begin worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School shortly.
For parents who need a quiet, calm place to go with smaller children, the Nursery is available across from the main office.
The audio of the service -- as well as activities for infants and toddlers -- are accessible, but the room is not staffed.*

PRELUDE

Redeemed

arr. David Paxton

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG**

All Glory Laud and Honor (NCH #216)

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

*O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God of street parades and hosannas, we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression, to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear, but so often we are silent. We worry that we'll say the wrong thing, so we don't say anything at all. We worry that we'll offend, so we keep our convictions to ourselves. We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard, so we stay silent. And meanwhile, the

parade marches on. Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us. Give us the courage to yell, “Hosanna!”, which means “Save Us!” Gratefully we pray, Amen.

BAPTISM OF BRAELYNN ROSE FINN

BAPTISM SONG

Jesus Loves Me (NCH #327)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]*

*Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light
and love to all who live. [Refrain]*

Children in preschool through 5th grade are now dismissed to Sunday School; a teacher will be on-hand to guide them to their class. Sunday School students should be picked up by a parent or other responsible adult at 11:30 a.m. at the Resource Room (on the lower level).

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through an anthem

Sing Jubilate
Voices of Peace

John Purifoy

through scripture

Luke 19:29-40

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

My Song is Love Unknown (NCH #222)

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.*

*O who am I, that for my sake
my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?*

*God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;
But Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.
But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need did life expend;
who at my need did life expend.*

*Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang.
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
for blood and death they thirst and cry;
for blood and death they thirst and cry.*

*What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run, restored the gift of sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise;
themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.*

*I sing my plain belief, one song my heart out-pours:
Never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

Open Our Eyes

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lift High the Cross (NCH #198)

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]*

*Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]*

*Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease,
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

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NEWS AND NOTES

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"BEST PIZZA IN LOMBARD" YOUTH COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

All are invited to Hatfield Hall on Friday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. to try dozens of pizzas provided by our local Lombard pizzerias—and be part of HISTORY by voting for your favorites in several categories! The cost to sample all pizzas, as well as enjoy desserts and drinks, is \$8 per person (max. \$30 per family). All funds raised benefit the 2025 Youth Community Summer Mission Trip! Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information!

AMOS PROJECT

Grab your coffee or tea and join the discussion April 13 in the North Conference Room around 11:30am. All are welcome!

BLOOD DRIVE

Be a superhero this April and donate blood. Every donor will save up to three lives! The Village of Lombard will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, April 15th from 1:30 PM – 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Walk-ins are welcome or you can register [HERE](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Here are the winners for the March Madness competition that benefitted the Elmhurst University Scholarship Fund.

1st place - Harold Hoffman \$50
2nd place - Vicky Webb \$30
3rd place - Oakson \$20

Congratulations to the winners and thank you everyone for participating!!!

GREETINGS!

Greetings! We're excited to relaunch our Greeter program. From about 10am-10:20am, new visitors - and the "regulars" - would love to see a friendly face before service.

See Scott Garrett if you have questions and would like to help!

"NO LAUGHING MATTER" ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION SERIES CONTINUES INTO APRIL!

Last chance to come be a part of "No Laughing Matter: How Humor Guides, Teaches, and Transforms," an engaging Adult Faith Exploration class continuing through Sunday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room (Lower Level) or via Zoom. Come to explore the powerful role humor plays in our lives — guiding us through difficult situations, teaching us important lessons, and transforming our perspectives. Whether in person or online, this class promises insightful discussions and a fresh look at how laughter can deepen our faith and understanding!

Zoom link will be sent the week before our first session; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

CULTIVATING AND LETTING GO LENT SERIES

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies dormant, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we're embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go. In worship each week during Lent (March 9-April 13) we will look at what God is cultivating in us and what we are being called to let go of. Plan on attending so that come Easter, you are ready to celebrate flourishing in your life and our world.

COLORING THROUGH LENT

As we consider this year's Lent theme of "Cultivating and Letting Go," all are invited to participate in coloring some of the images that accompany the series. Look for the coloring page, along with colored pencils, in the Narthex throughout Lent.

HOLY COMMUNION IN APRIL

During the month of April we will have communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17 and Easter Sunday, April 20. There will not be communion on the first Sunday of the month, April 6, so that we might focus on Lent, making communion all that more meaningful come Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Our Maundy Thursday service will be held at on April 17 at 7PM in the Maple Street Chapel, remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The Good Friday service will be on April 18 at 7PM at the First United Methodist Church (155 S. Main St) to follow Jesus' journey to the cross. We will celebrate the resurrection on April 20 at our Easter service at 10:15AM. Mark your calendars, and invite your family and friends to experience the holiest week of the year!

BRING A FLOWER ON EASTER!

To celebrate the joy of Easter and finish out of theme of Cultivating and Letting Go, you are asked to bring a single flower to the Easter service. It can be from your yard, a neighbor's or store bought. We will have some available at church, too. Our flowers will be combined to create a beautiful bouquet to celebrate the resurrection!

HUGE THANK YOU – PADS GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

From the end of January through February, the Wider Church team held a fundraiser for DuPagePads, an organization whose mission is to end homelessness in DuPage County, to purchase gift cards to help clients meet basic needs. This year, First Church of Lombard delivered \$1,650 worth of gift cards to DuPagePads (41 for Speedway and 25 for Walmart). This year's total was significantly higher than last year's. Thank you to all who helped and contributed.

DO YOU HAVE THESE?

Dan Jares, who has been working on organizing the church archives, is in need of a cassette tape player as well as a carousel slide projector to be able to listen and view some historical First Church items. If you happen to have either one of these, please contact him at jares@att.net.

APRIL DINNER, DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

In April, First Church of Lombard honors Earth Day with our "Dinner, Documentary, and Discussion" series! On Friday, April 25, all are invited to come watch "The Pollinators," an award-winning cinematic journey around the United States following migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honey bees as they pollinate the flowers that become the fruits, nuts and vegetables we all eat. Bring your dinner and gather at 6:00 p.m. in the North Conference Room. *This event is not available via Zoom.* Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions.

ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PATH CLEAN UP

Everyone is welcome to come and help out at the next Illinois Prairie Path clean-up event on Saturday, April 26th. We will be meeting at the garage at 8:30 AM. Please come in work clothes. This is a great event for the entire family to come out and participate in. If you haven't already signed one, waivers will be available that can be signed that morning. As a reminder, minors between the ages of 7-17 are required to have a waiver signed by their parent/guardian in order to participate. Please contact Jeri Shaw with any questions at jeri.shaw@me.com.

MARSHA STEVENS-PINO CONCERT-SAVE THE DATE!

The singer-songwriter Marsha Stevens-Pino will be performing and leading worship on Sunday, April 27 at 10:15AM. Called "The Mother of Christian Contemporary Music", Marsha's fanbase changed once she came out as a lesbian. She formed Born Again Lesbian Music (BALM Ministries) to begin a new ministry--to use her music to proclaim the love of Jesus to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. We are excited to welcome Marsha back again.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FCL'S THIRD ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

The entire family is invited to come after worship on Sunday, April 27 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. -- RAIN OR SHINE! This year we will be looking at "The Buzz on Bees" and are looking forward to a bunch of BUZZWORTHY games, crafts, and even science projects and snacks! Plan now to bring a friend or neighbor for all the fun! Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information or if you would like to help out!

RED DRESS DAY

Amos Project lifts up our 3rd REDress Day of honoring indigenous people that began in 2010 by Metis artist Jamie Black. Red clothing will be displayed in the church on April 27th to honor MMIR Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives.

To learn more click on the link:

<https://www.boldcafe.org/the-power-of-the-red-dress-honoring-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-relatives-mmir/>

NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION COMING WEDNESDAY, MAY 21!

Greetings Fellow Readers! The Beyond Words Book Discussion will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Year Of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome... even if you don't finish the book! Copies are available in the church office for a cost of \$12 each. Discussion will be held either in-person in the North Conference Room or via Zoom; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for Zoom links or 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 – WEEKLY ARTICLE

Bread for the World has information about the impacts of climate change around the world, often with a focus on women in agriculture. Check out their "Institute Insights" at their website—back issues available.

COFFEE HOUR

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Coffee Hour immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of Braelynn Rose Finn, child of Brianna Finn and Theodore Donovan and sibling to Ryder. Her sponsors are Cole Finn and Elie Donovan. Congratulations, Braelynn!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life for Robert Kline, Judy Kline's husband, is planned for Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Brust Funeral Home, 135 South Main St., Lombard, IL 60148. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M., service will follow at 12:00 P.M.

A link to his obituary can be found [HERE](#).

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

Christine Tani lost a pair of black gloves in church on Sunday, April 6, 2025. They are special gloves for biking in cold weather, because they have rechargeable batteries that heat the gloves. If anyone sees them, please turn them into the church office, or contact Christine at 630/240-4032 or christinetani@yahoo.com. Thanks much!

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FROM THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY FOR DISPLACED IMMIGRANTS

Thank You to FCL members & Coop PS families who've donated over the many months to help our new friends from other lands adjust to life here. Transitioning from Police Departments, to shelters & now most of them to rental housing. I drop off a nice load of needed items almost weekly to Elmhurst Presbyterian & always get asked... where did all that come from? I let them know how generous you all have been! ICDI appreciates it! Learn more about them [HERE](#).

Updated list below: (use Amazon as a list- you can get items anywhere!)

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WVH0GKVDD20A?leftNavSection=SharedWithOrg&ref_=abls_in_v_os&viewType=list

Volunteers for Sunday, April 13, 2025	Volunteers for Sunday, April 20, 2025
<u>Liturgist</u> Deb Rodak	<u>Liturgist</u> Christine Tani
<u>Ushers</u> Jason Cooper Mike Rodak	<u>Ushers</u> Dave Ivey Kevin Lattner Mark Meyer
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Corinne Flemm Judy Kline Lynda Wilson	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Jean & Russ Reneau
<u>Sound</u> Charlie Peterson	<u>Sound</u> Thomas Hammerschmidt
<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

CLOSED

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