

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**



*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

Peppermint Patty

Vince Guaraldi

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (NCH #547, v. 1-4)*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*My God has promised good to me,
Whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Loving and faithful God, we come before you today with hearts full of gratitude for the women you have placed among us—those who have nurtured, taught, and quietly led with strength and grace. As we celebrate Mother's Day, we remember that throughout Scripture, you have used women to carry out your purposes, often in ways that shaped the course of your people. Open our eyes today to see their legacy more clearly, and soften our hearts to hear what you are still saying through them. May your Spirit speak to us through the witness of faithful women, both past and present. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

Deep and Wide

Sydney E. Cox

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 a mission moment

Wider Church

through scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

through a sermon

“She Was Already There”

Val Sutton, Director of Educational Ministries

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN**

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian (NCH #454, v. 1)

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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**

Take My Life, God, Let It Be (NCH #448)

*Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.*

*Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace, make of it your dwelling place.*

*Take my love and help if grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ’s community.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Blue Charlie Brown

Vince Guaraldi

***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.

Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall after worship service

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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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NEWS AND NOTES

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DIAPER DRIVE

Wider Church will be hosting a diaper drive benefiting the Outreach House from May 11 (Mother's Day) to June 15th (Father's Day). The goal this year is to reach 8000 diapers!

You can participate in this by dropping off diapers in the church lobby or by ordering diapers from this link and having them delivered to Meryl Short who will bring them to church: <https://tinyurl.com/FCLDiaperDrive2025>

You can also order using this QR code:



COMMUNITY TABLE

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the great food and good company at Community Table, this Wednesday, May 14th at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH EXPLORATION VOLUNTEERS

First Church of Lombard will celebrate all Faith Exploration Volunteers for children, youth, and adult programs during the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 18. Anyone who has helped make any of FCL's Faith Exploration programs happen this year is invited to join us in worship that Sunday and enjoy a special treat at Coffee Hour afterward!

LILAC PARADE – WALKERS & RIDERS NEEDED

A group from First Church will march in Lombard's Lilac Parade on Sunday, May 18 at 1:30 PM. All ages and abilities are welcome (a car will be available for riders). This year our theme will be "Love Drives Us". The parade is a great way to represent our church to the community and to advertise for the Pride Fest coming up on June 1. Please see Pastor Jill for details or email info@firstchurchoflombard.org.

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

Did you know that residents of York Township can bring electronic waste to the disposal site behind the Goodwill store on Roosevelt Road whenever the facility is open? The access is on the west (right) side of the store.

COFFEE HOUR

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

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We keep the Walsh family in our prayers following the death of Jon's dad, James Walsh this past Sunday.

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE!

We're excited to share some wonderful news from our family. My husband, Andres Flores, has officially completed his PhD! After years of hard work, late nights, and faithful perseverance, he has reached this incredible academic and spiritual milestone. The topic of his dissertation is "The Development of a Nurse Well-Being Instrument and Predictive Factors of Nurse Turnover Intention."

We are so thankful for God's guidance throughout this journey and deeply grateful for your prayers and support along the way. Please join us in praising God for this accomplishment.

Janette & Andres (Rodriguez) Flores

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

TEEN PARENT CONNECTION

In their 40th year of providing services to young moms, Teen Parent connection continues to expand resources and impact hundreds of young families in DuPage County. A donation to Teen Parent Connection is more than a gift; it is a lifeline to programs and services that ensure young mothers have the support they need to face the many challenges of early parenthood. Make a difference in the life of a young mother and make a special contribution this Mother's Day! Please go here to make a donation: <https://givebutter.com/BFCM>



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Volunteers for Sunday, May 11, 2025	Volunteers for Sunday, May 18, 2025
<u>Liturgist</u> Karen Eckhart	<u>Liturgist</u> Christine Tani
<u>Ushers</u> Jason Cooper Dave Ivey	<u>Ushers</u> Marianne McGuire Mark Meyer
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Christine Esposito Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Jaime & Fritz Geiger
<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
CLOSED

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