

**First Church of Lombard  
United Church of Christ  
May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**



*Children in preschool through 5th grade begin worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School shortly.  
For families with infants and toddlers, a volunteer-staffed nursery is available across from the main office, offering a  
calm, welcoming space with age-appropriate activities and audio of the worship service.*

**PRELUDE**

*In Christ Alone*

arr. Bill Wolaver

**TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*Goodness of God*

Bethel Music

*I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

*Chorus*

*And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
And in darkest nights  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a parent  
I've known You as a friend [chorus]*

*Bridge*  
(‘Cause) *Your goodness is running after*  
*It’s running after me*  
*Your goodness is running after*

*It’s running after me*  
*With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now*  
*I give You everything*  
*Your goodness is running after*  
*It’s running after me [Chorus]*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Help us to see you more clearly, Lord. Grant to us renewed vision, that here, today, we might meet you anew. And when we leave this place, may your Spirit help us to do good, and to speak your truth with gentleness for the sake of Christ, who has given us a hope to carry always in our hearts. Amen.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG**

*Peace Like a River*

arr. by Lawrence H. Underwood

*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 scripture

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*HYMN**

*God is Here! As We Your People Meet (NCH #70)*

*God is here! As we your people, meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's celebration, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

### **INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS**

### **SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYER SONG**

*Alleluia (NCH #765)*

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia (x4)*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & 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**

*Beautiful Jesus (NCH #44)*

*Beautiful Jesus, Head of all creation, God and the blessed Mary's child:  
I want to love you, praise and adore you, joy of my soul, so long desired.*

*Beautiful springtime, lovely, green, and hopeful, all earth exhales its sweet perfume:  
Jesus is sweeter, Jesus is purer, sad hearts at this, rejoice and bloom.*

*Beautiful sunshine, clear, so lovely, moonlight, stars shine like angels, ranked through space:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer, in perfect beauty, love and grace.*

*All earthly beauty, all celestial radiance fade when compared to Jesus' face.  
Let me not cherish beauties that perish; let me this lovely good embrace.*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

arr. Mark Hayes

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

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*Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour immediately after worship.*

There will be a Church Council meeting on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
in the North Conference Room.

### STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jill Terpstra - Senior Minister  
Val Sutton - Director of Educational Ministries  
Janette Rodriguez - Director of Music Ministries  
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**First Church of Lombard**  
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# NEWS AND NOTES

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## **COMMUNITY TABLE**

All are welcome to Community Table on Wednesday, May 13th at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall—where the church staff is trading in their usual roles for aprons and spatulas! Come see what happens when we step into the kitchen (no promises, but we *think* it'll be delicious 😊). Come hungry, bring a friend, and enjoy good food and great company. We'd love to see you there!

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, May 17! If you would like information about becoming a member, please reach out to Pastor Jill -[pastorjill@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:pastorjill@firstchurchoflombard.org)

## **LILAC PARADE – WALKERS & RIDERS NEEDED**

A group from First Church will march in Lombard's Lilac Parade on Sunday, May 17 at 1:30 PM. All ages and abilities are welcome (a car will be available for riders). This year our theme is "Open Doors since 1851". The parade is a great way to represent our church to the community and to advertise for the Pride Fest coming up on June 7. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer or email [info@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:info@firstchurchoflombard.org).

## **MORE DOORS NEEDED FOR PRIDE FEST!**

As we have done at every Pride Fest, First Church is preparing to make a powerful statement of welcome and inclusion during the annual Pride Fest. As part of our celebration, we will be painting doors to be displayed along Main Street—a longstanding symbol of sanctuary, invitation, and the open hearts of our congregation. Because the doors we had been using were in poor repair, we are again looking for six used (or new) doors to transform into works of art representing the many ways we say "all are welcome." To truly celebrate the beauty of diversity, we would love a variety of styles, sizes, and shapes. Interior doors, exterior doors, old farmhouse doors, or even small cabinet doors—if it swings open, we want to paint it! If you have an extra door gathering dust in your basement or garage, please consider donating it to this meaningful project. Contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) before bringing doors to the church, please!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: PRIDE FEST & SUMMER WORSHIP TIME**

As a reminder, our summer worship time change is coming soon. Due to our Pride Fest event on Sunday, June 7, there will be no worship service that morning. We hope you will come out and be part of our Pride Fest celebration that day! Our summer worship time will begin the following Sunday, June 14, with service starting at 9:30 AM.

### **NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION COMING IN MAY!**

Greetings Fellow Readers! FCL's Beyond Words Book Discussion will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. 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](mailto: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!

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT HOLLYWOOD HISTORY AT FCL'S DOCUMENTARY NIGHT!**

Before Pride Month begins, uncover the untold stories of Hollywood—starting with *The Celluloid Closet*. Join First Church of Lombard's Documentary, Dinner & Discussion Series on Friday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the North Conference Room. We're kicking off Pride Month a few days early with a powerful documentary that reveals how early Hollywood shaped—and often silenced—onscreen portrayals of gay and lesbian lives. Bring your dinner, watch with us, and dive into the real history behind the reels.

Head to the North Conference Room (lower level); viewing not available via Zoom for copyright reasons. Contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) for more information!

### **JOIN US FOR PASTOR JILL'S SABBATICAL SEND-OFF!**

All are welcome to the "I Scream for JOY" Ice Cream Social, hosted by Parish Life, on Sunday, May 31 from 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in Hatfield Hall. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or festive accessory and enjoy ice cream with all your favorite toppings as we celebrate Pastor Jill and wish her a joyful sabbatical! No RSVP needed - just come and celebrate!

### **SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER FUN!**

Summer will be here before we know it, and we have some special events planned.

Make sure to save these dates:

Sun. May 31 - Sabbatical Send-Off Ice Cream Social - Coordinated by Parish Life

Sun. July 26 - Trip to the Morton Arboretum - Coordinated by Jason Cooper

Fri. Aug. 28 - Mon. 31 - All Church Retreat to Tower Hill - Coordinated by Lynda and Eric Wilson

### **US OF KINDNESS 250**

An alternative or additional way to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday is to commit to do 250 acts of kindness between now and the end of 2026. The UCC has partnered with the Values in Action Foundation to support the nationwide effort of US of Kindness. Find information and a way to make a commitment on the UCC website by searching for "Kindland."

### **FIRST CHURCH MORTON ARBORETUM FIELD TRIP**

Grab your walking shoes and join us for a summer stroll through the prairie at Morton Arboretum on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00 PM. We'll meet up for a picnic lunch followed by a visit to one of the Midwest's oldest and most successful prairie restorations. Entry Fee and a Picnic Lunch will be provided. Sign up [HERE](#) or on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer where you can see the full agenda.

**PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 30, 2026**

### **ADDITIONAL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our littlest worshipers need loving caregivers on Sunday mornings, and you can help! We're seeking volunteers to serve from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., alongside our faithful Nursery Coordinator, Kathy Underwood. This is a joyful opportunity to play, cuddle, and care for infants and toddlers while their parents participate in worship. If you have a warm heart and a willingness to help our youngest children feel safe and loved, contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) about being part of this important ministry or sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

## **ONCE-MONTHLY STUDY ON SPIRITUAL AGING**

A study on Spiritual Aging, based on Carol Orsborn's book of the same name, meets once a month on the 4th Sunday after worship. Each month's discussion will focus on the weekly readings from the book. Copies are available in the church office for \$10. For questions or more information, please contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org)

## **RAINBOW FAITH LGBTQIA+ ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Join us at Rainbow Faith, a ministry at First Church of Lombard created as a safe and affirming space for adult members of the LGBTQIA+ family (and occasionally, allies and advocates). Whether you're looking for meaningful conversation or simply a place to belong, all are welcome to gather on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For questions or more information, please contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org)

## **STOP BY TO FIND YOUR NEXT GREAT READ, RIGHT IN THE NARTHEX!**

You are invited to explore the special book display in the Narthex, where you're sure to find something that catches your eye. All books are available to borrow right from the display or from FCL's own Lending Library, located on the Lower Level. Stop by, take a look, and let us help you discover your next favorite read!

## **GREEN TEAM – WEEKLY ARTICLE**

While you may know the EWG's annual "dirty dozen" foods to avoid, you may have missed its "clean 15," food to substitute for items in the dirty dozen. Their list includes things like pineapple, bananas, and kiwi. Find the list at their website: <http://www.ewg.org>

## **IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that Valda Andersen passed away on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Valda's family and friends in your prayers. Arrangements will be announced once they are made.

## **IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY**

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants is asking for:

Men's clothing in small and medium sizes as well as shirts size large

Men's pants waist sizes 28 to 36 with an emphasis on smaller sizes

Boys clothing from size 3 to 16

Girls clothing from size 2 to 16

New underwear and socks, all genders and sizes

Bed linens--sheets, blankets, pillows all sizes

Towels

Cookware items especially pots and pans. (Please make sure the

Dishes and glassware

Items may be put in the blue bin outside sanctuary doors.

Contact Jeri Shaw with any questions at: 630-936-6668



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<b>Volunteers for Sunday, May 10, 2026</b>	<b>Volunteers for Sunday, May 17, 2026</b>
<b><u>Liturgist</u></b> Christine Tani	<b><u>Liturgist</u></b> Matt Kirsh
<b><u>Ushers</u></b> Dave Ivey Mark Meyer	<b><u>Ushers</u></b> Becky Kirsh Matt Kirsh
<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b> Mary & Chris Kaufman	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b> Corinne Flemm Judy Kline Lynda Wilson
<b><u>Video Streaming</u></b> Eric Wilson	<b><u>Video Streaming</u></b> 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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