

# **First Church of Lombard**

## **United Church of Christ**

### ***Virtual Worship***

**March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

**PRELUDE**

Kristin Vaziri

#### **GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**GATHERING SONG**

*O God, our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1)*

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**One: Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We gather separately and apart, but we are together in your Spirit. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. Amen.**

#### **THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

through scriptures

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

through a sermon

“Holy Waiting”

through an anthem

*Come As You Are*

*Come, come as you are  
Broken and scarred  
Come leave your wilderness  
And come, taste and see  
Come and believe  
And bring your emptiness  
Surrender your fear  
It is safe, there is comfort here  
And peace from the storm  
If you're torn  
There is wholeness here*

*For the Lord is good  
And his love is everlasting  
Oh, the Lord is good  
And His mercy never ending  
Won't you come?*

*So come, come and see  
Come and be free  
And let your heart proclaim it  
All he has done  
He has shown  
His mercy and kindness*

*Come and be glad  
Hear His joy  
You have never had  
And the love that will stay  
That no one  
Can ever take away*

*For the Lord is good  
And his love is everlasting  
Oh, the Lord is good  
And His mercy never ending  
Won't you come?*

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

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

#### **OFFERTORY**

Kristin Vaziri

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People – 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**

#### **PARTING SONG**

*God Be with You (vs. 3)*  
God be with you till we meet again!  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again!

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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# NEWS AND NOTES

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## **KEEPING POSTED**

The staff and Council are working diligently to keep us up-to-date on the latest moves in the virus crisis; and, because so many things are constantly in flux, the best we can say is to keep an eye on your computer for the latest update: [www.fcol.org](http://www.fcol.org).

Since we're all inside and close to a phone, please consider calling two or more people a day to check in and pass some feelings from the heart. As Pastor Jill said in her sermon, we may be apart by edict, but we are still together by love.

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

In an effort to keep connected during this time apart, a group of people will be calling members to check on them. Look forward to hearing a familiar voice on the other end of the phone!

## **NEW WEBSITE**

We've set up a new website for viewing and for providing information for people who might be looking for a church home and want to know more about us. Use [firstchurchoflombard.org](http://firstchurchoflombard.org) or [www.fcol.org](http://www.fcol.org) to view church services or the choices listed at the top of the page. Children's lessons are shared by Val Sutton, Educational Ministries Coordinator, so kids can have their Sunday School lesson on any day, and parents can share in the information that their children are learning.

## **MEETINGS**

We are still under the directive that says that there will not be any meetings that aren't considered essential. Please call the office if there are questions.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Larry Hebert reports that the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church will remain open. It is now a 'drive thru' pantry. Pantry hours are as follows:

M/W/F from 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

\*Wednesday evening also open from

5:00 PM - 6:45 PM\*

Every Third Saturday from 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM.

Please help spread the word to anyone who might benefit from this service.

## **MARCH MADNESS**

No, we're not referring to the madness that the virus has caused with unscrupulous people hoarding so that others have to do without essentials. We're referring to the NCAA March Madness which has always provided us with some fun while adding funds to create scholarships for Elmhurst College students. While we'll have to find our fun somewhere else, the need for funds still exists, so please consider donating \$20 to the March Madness fund so that we can still provide for someone's education. Please mail any contributions to the church office, with March Madness listed on the memo line. A generous contributor has offered to match all donations up to \$500, and we're really grateful for that person's generosity.

## **HELP WITH STREAMING**

We have streamed a few services and rebroadcast the last service on Facebook and the new church website. Is anyone interested in taking a turn at the controls and learning to operate the cameras? Video production only takes one person to run with our new equipment, but a group of members is needed to learn and run the system once we return to church for regular services. A little "yearn to learn" something new and some eye-hand coordination are all that is needed. Due to the shelter-in-place restriction, training will come at a later date. If there are questions or someone is a little interested but not completely sure, please contact Eric Lee Wilson at [ericlee.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:ericlee.wilson@gmail.com). He can give you more details.

## **SHUTTERFLY AND FIRST CHURCH**

Being shut up at home can produce some good things, and one of them is having time to organize some things that have been let go, due to lack of time. Now is a good time to organize some of the pictures that have been taken at weddings, graduation, kids' musicals or dance recitals, etc. and let Shutterfly make a book that will be a memorable one for grandparents or parents.

1. Visit our Shutterfly Storefront at: **firstchurch.ShutterflyStorefront.com**.
2. Click through to start shopping.
3. Keep memories alive by purchasing these pictorial memoirs.

Whatever the cost of these orders, 8% of that will be returned to First Church, without costing anything additional to the purchaser. And please encourage friends to use this medium to get their pictures and albums printed, for this isn't limited to First Church orders only.

## **IN TOUCH WITH OUTREACH**

The Outreach House IS OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 10AM to noon. We are keeping a safe distance, providing diapers from the porch or the parking lot, so we can go the distance during this crisis.

Diapers and wipes are needed. Drop offs can be made during the hours listed above or contact us if they are being shipped to your home. Please contact Kris DeSmedt at [kdesmedt@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:kdesmedt@firstchurchoflombard.org) and she will arrange for pickup.

Please check the church website <https://www.fcol.org/outreach> or The Outreach House Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheOutreachHouse/> for updates

## **COUNCIL CORNER, MAR.16**

Council "met" online, via conference call for this month's meeting.

Call to Care Team will be contacting the people receiving care, and working with them, as best they can. Each team on council is reviewing the by-laws as it pertains to their team.

The budget is where it needs to be.

The Tech Team has been busy working to update the sanctuary and conducting live worship broadcasts. Val has been connecting with the Youth. All non-essential meetings are cancelled at church until further notice. Amos Project plans to participate in the Lilac Parade. There is a group of people working on documenting the history of First Church, and this task team will be added to the by-laws.

Next Meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM/

## **YOUTH COMMUNITY**

Youth Community will be held VIRTUALLY via Zoom every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Be watching for a link sent via email and text.

## **WEDNESDAY DINNER**

Community Table will not resume until the current shelter-in-place directives are lifted.

## **MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT FIRST CHURCH**

There will be no meetings scheduled at this time.

## **APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**SOUND TEAM:** Andrew Eckhart.