

**First Church of Lombard  
United Church of Christ  
In-person and Virtual Worship  
June 13, 2021– Third Sunday after Pentecost**



*At our indoor worship services this summer, all God's children are invited to take part in worship through our Coloring Project, engaging with the words and images of our lessons in a creative way. Crayons and colored pencils will be available at tables near the back of the worship space. Families with young children are invited to take advantage of the rocking chairs provided in Hatfield Hall.*

**PRELUDE**

*Then Sings My Soul*  
Lawrence Underwood - Oboe

Arr. Lani Lanier

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

**GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**GATHERING SONG**

*I Would Be True*  
*I would be true, for there are those who trust me;*  
*I would be pure, for there are those who care;*  
*I would be strong for there is much to suffer;*  
*I would be brave, for there is much to dare,*  
*I would be brave, for there is much to dare.*

## OPENING PRAYER

One: Compassionate God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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

through Staying Connected at First Church Outreach House – Kris DeSmedt

through scripture

Exodus 1:15-21

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

through a sermon

“Courageous Compassion”

through an anthem

How Deep God's Love For Us Is  
Josiah Reade Ringers Ensemble



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

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

### **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**

*O Jesus, I have Promised  
O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Remain forever near me, my Savior and my Friend:  
I shall not fear life's struggles if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Amazing Grace  
Lawrence Underwood - Oboe

Arr. Sandra Zylstra

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.



# NEWS AND NOTES

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## ***REMINDER – NEWS & NOTES ARE BI-WEEKLY IN THE SUMMER***

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### **STATE GUIDELINE CHANGES**

Governor Pritzker announced that Illinois will move to full reopening with some safety guidelines in place on Friday, June 11. Since the church will not have time to evaluate and plan for the new guidelines before worship on Sunday, June 13, worship will continue to operate with the previous guidelines. These include: masks, online check-in, temperature checks and socially distanced seating. It is our hope to reduce restrictions while also providing a safe environment as soon as possible.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

We will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In celebration of Pride Month, Versiti Blood Center of IL will be giving all donors a beautiful Pride T-shirt, while supplies last.

You may schedule ahead of time by clicking [HERE](#). While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also welcome! Photo ID is required.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You **DO NOT** need to be vaccinated to donate blood. Donors who have received the COVID Vaccine are eligible if they received it ON or BEFORE June 13th.

### **SUMMER SUNDAY COLORING PROJECT**

This summer, starting Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 may 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. Worship begins at 9:30AM starting on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **SENDING OFF OUR YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

All are invited to gather on the Ash Street lawn for a special "Sending Forth" for the Youth Community Mission Trip, to be held at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 20. Please keep the team in your prayers... and be watching the blog at <https://ycmissiontrips.home.blog/> for updates the week of the trip (June 20-25).

### **OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY**

June 27 is Open and Affirming Sunday! It is an opportunity for our congregation to renew our commitment and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. Let's show our pride!

### **A SUMMER OF COMPASSION**

A Summer of Compassion is coming to FCL each Wednesday in July and August! Plan now to gather each week at 7 p.m. in person or on Zoom to look ahead to that coming Sunday's Scripture reading -- and seek what there is to learn about compassion! Email [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) for details, including Zoom links.

## **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DAY**

We are looking for Home Owners and Volunteers for Love Your Neighbor Day on Saturday, September 18th, 2021. (Rain date is September 25, 2021) If you, or someone you know are a homeowner in the Villa Park/Lombard area and are having difficulty keeping up with work around your home because of financial or physical limitations and could benefit from a group of people volunteering at your home for a day, fill out the homeowner's application [HERE](#). Applications are accepted based on the number of volunteers who sign up. The deadline to sign-up for homeowners is August 20, 2021.

If you would like to volunteer to work with a crew helping out your neighbors, please click [HERE](#) for the volunteer's application. For more information on Love Your Neighbor Day, visit <https://www.ccvponline.net/love-your-neighbor-day> or email them at [loveyourneighbor15@yahoo.com](mailto:loveyourneighbor15@yahoo.com). You may also leave a message at 630-833-7262.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

For the history of the congregation that is being compiled, we're looking for the lists of members of the Confirmation Classes of 1992 and 1993. If you can help--especially with complete, accurate lists (perhaps from worship bulletins)--please contact Dan Jares at [jares@att.net](mailto:jares@att.net).

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Just a reminder to be sure that children are registered for Vacation Bible School which will take them on a journey through compassion and guide them to share feelings of the heart in their future days. There will be kits to be picked up on Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> that will help the kids get fully involved. Registering now will help the planners know how many children will be involved. Registration is done at [tinyurl.com/AdventureVBS2021](http://tinyurl.com/AdventureVBS2021).

## **IN TOUCH WITH OUTREACH**

Anyone who needs help or knows someone who needs assistance in paying rent, the 2021 Illinois Rental Payment Program is accepting applications NOW.

The Housing Development Authority (IHDA) launched its rental payment program (ILRPP) for Illinois residents impacted by COVID-19.

Approved applicants will be eligible for up to 15 months of assistance through this grant, which will cover 12 months of past due rent as well as cover 3 months' worth of future rent payments. This is a joint application process which needs to be started by the landlord and completed by the tenant. Once approved, the grant will be paid directly to the housing provider in the form of a check. To apply, please visit the application site at <https://ilrpp.ihda.org>

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Summer office hours will be Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 2 PM, but staff will continue to be reachable by phone or email.

## **IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

A memorial service will be held for Barb Barta on Saturday, June 19th in the Sanctuary at First Church of Lombard. We are anticipating a large group attending the service, therefore, we will be using the Sanctuary, Hatfield Hall and will also be live streaming the service on our website.

Please keep former minister Don Schmidt and his wife Barb in your prayers in the unexpected loss of their daughter, Susan.

If you would like to send a card their address is:

Barb and Don Schmidt  
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