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Coffee &: Men's Fellowship

+ Prayer adapted from Abingdon Book of Worship 2016

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOMBARD AND VILLA PARK

A Sower went out
to sow



JULY 12TH, 2026
10AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Hymn Thy Word is a Lamp 601(blue)

*** Call To Worship**

One: Come in from busy, summertime days and let the word of God ease into your heart.

All: We come to connect with God's word.

One: Come in from the stress of everyday life that we may sprout up from the light of knowledge.

All: We come as seekers of the truth.

One: Come into worship with the soil of our lives, composted, broken up, and ready for what's next.

All: We come to hear the word and respond!

*** Opening Prayer**

Great Sower, cast us like seeds upon the winds of your mercy, that we may grow in fertile ground. Keep our lives from stony pathways, where the heat of life's cares strips our strength and vitality. Protect us from thorny gullies, where the snares of life's worries block the sunshine of your Spirit. Land us safely in rich soil, Master Gardener, and bless us with the kiss of gentle rain, that our faith may increase and our joy may be complete. Amen. +

***Hymn of Praise** Hymn of Promise 707(blue)

Children's Time Chris Smith Kozlowski, *Dir. of Children's Min.*
Children's church is available after the children's time!

The Word in Music Word of God, Speak 3184(green)

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit!

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Sermon Rev. Michael Mann

OUR RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Share a prayer concern on one of our prayer cards!

Invitation to Generosity

<https://fumclombardandvillapark.flocknote.com/give/>

Offertory

Doxology*



Blessing of the Gifts

Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond being passive or powerless. Let us demonstrate for the world your love, grace, and power. Let us bear fruit that eases suffering, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed, and shares compassion to those who feel disconnected. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn of Celebration** O Blessed Spring 2076(black)

*** Charge & Benediction**

As we go forth today, remember that there is a new story, a new world where Christ's seeds are taking root. Be that ground where stories are shared and lives are changed. Go to receive that life and celebrate it with all you meet. **Amen. We go to receive joy as Christ's seeds are spread in our lives today.**