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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOMBARD AND VILLA PARK

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**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**10AM**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Song                      Come, Emmanuel                      3130(Green)

**\* Call To Worship**

One: The signs are there: God’s love comes again,  
surrounding us with the light of Christ.

**All: God of all, let your love shine.**

One: Even when hope feels locked away,  
shackled, and held behind prison bars,

**All: God of all, your love shines.**

One: Open your ears to hear it. Open your eyes to see it.  
Let love’s healing work set you free.

**All: God of all, let your love shine in our hearts today.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

In a time of fear, where do you see the presence of love? **We see love all around us. We see love when people hold open the door. We see love in a warm embrace, a homemade casserole, or a phone call after a long day. We see love in random acts of kindness and intentional acts of empathy. We see love all around us.** You are right. Even in a fearful world, love is all around us. Today we light the candle of love as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, love is here. Love is worldchanging. Love is shining bright. We only have to look for it. [*Light candle.*] Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

**God of love and peace, as we worship you today, may we open our hearts to love and to be loved. May we welcome one another as you have welcomed us. May that love move us beyond all doubts that we may trust in your goodness. Let that trust create a space for Christ to be born in us. And through this worship, open our ears and heal our eyes that we may live as a people of love and hope. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit!

**\*Hymn of Praise**                      Wild and Lone, the Prophet’s Voice                      2089(Black)

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                      Advent Hymn

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 11:2-11

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\* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Abundant God, may these gifts reflect your abundant love for us all. Let them bring words of hope, actions of healing, and allow your love to reach every heart. Let those who cry out for love be heard and healed. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Communion**

Confession, Peace, Sacrament  
Music during communion                      You Keep Hope Alive

**\* Hymn of Celebration**                      Song of Hope                      2186 (Black)

**\* Charge & Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with a hopeful love by the power of the Holy Spirit. And so let the peace of Christ be with you and remain with you now and forevermore. **Amen. We go to share in God’s hope and peace!**