



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOMBARD AND VILLA PARK

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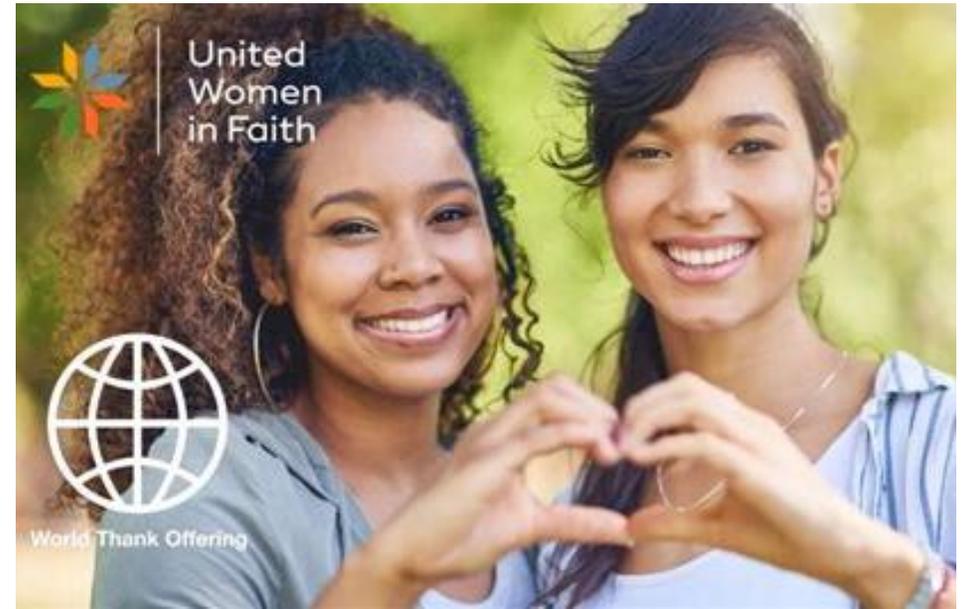
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## THANK OFFERING SUNDAY

**MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**10AM**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Centering Song      Near the Cross /Alas! and Did

### \* Call To Worship

One: We regard no one from a human point of view

**All: For we no longer view Christ that way.**

One: If anyone is in Christ,

**All: There is a new creation.**

One: Everything old has passed away

**All: See, everything has become new!**

One: Come, worship our God,

**All: Who makes all things new!**

### \* Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have resisted the transformation necessary to become who You intended us to be. We have declined Your invitation to change our ways, we have denied Your commandments to repent and turn back, we have reacted violently to stay the same. Forgive us for refusing to follow Your ways that call us into renewal. Call us into repentance, to come to You with the knowledge that we must change, and the courage to be transformed. Guide us into the work of nonviolent resistance that challenges the world's systems of oppression rooted in keeping the status quo. You are the one who makes all things new, for You have made us into a new creation through Jesus Christ. May we be made new again, and may we be part of a new revolution of love. Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise      Be Thou My Vision      451(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      Here I am to Worship

Scripture Reading      John 9:1-41

Sermon      Rev. Sherrie Lowly

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

## OUR RESPONSE

**Prayers of the People** Share a prayer concern on a prayer card.

### Invitation to Generosity

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

Offertory      O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Lenten Doxology+



**God Who Provides, we give You thanks in these changing seasons.**

**In the southern part of our world, the harvest has come, the fruits and vegetables are gathered, and we are reminded how You provide for us from the earth You made. In the northern hemisphere, spring is coming, and the new shoots are arriving, reminding us that You are the bringing of life out of death. In all seasons, we are reminded of Your abundance in our lives. Too often we live in a scarcity mindset. The world we made promotes the idea that we must have more than others to be satisfied, that there is never enough. The world tells us that we must have more than another to be successful, to have wealth and power over others. Your earth, however, teaches us that there is always enough, and to let go when there is more than needed. As You provided manna in the wilderness, and the first fruits when Your people arrived in their land, so You have provided for us. May we take only our daily needs, and give what is leftover to those with none, until all have enough to eat and are filled. May we know Your abundance is always with us. We give You thanks, Creator God, giver of life. Amen.**

\* **Hymn of Celebration**      O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing 3001(Green)

### \* Charge & Benediction

As the seasons change, so do we. We learn and grow and shed what has held us back, letting what needs to return to dust decay, so that the greenness of new life may flourish. God is restoring our hearts and making us new. God loves you, so much. Know the fullness of God's steadfast love in your life. Let go of what has held you back and embrace the new life in Christ. Go forth, knowing you are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen. **Amen. We go to share Christ's peace with all we meet.**