

**Millburn Congregational—United Church of Christ**  
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*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God  
as a spiritually alive church,  
welcoming all and reaching out with love as Christ's disciples.*

**Rev. Miranda Moeller**

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**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost    October 27, 2024    10:00 a.m.**

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***Building Empathy- Step Out of Your Comfort Zone***

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| Call to Worship               | For the Beauty of the Earth | Handbell Choir |
| Announcements                 |                             |                |
| Greeting and Words of Welcome |                             |                |

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| *Opening Hymn | Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life | No. 665            |
|               |                                      | (Verses 1,2,3 & 6) |

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of clan and race,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.

3 From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

6 Till all shall learn compassion's might,  
following where your feet have trod,  
till glorious from your realm of light  
shall come the city of our God.

**\*Call to Worship**

One: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

**Many: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.**

One: Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

**Many: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

**Many: Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. AMEN.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. AMEN.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you have been healed. Praise be to God who has given you new life. AMEN.

**Gloria Patri**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER,  
AND TO THE SON,  
AND TO THE HOLY GHOST;  
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,  
IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE,  
WORLD WITHOUT END.  
AMEN. AMEN.**

Passing of the Peace

Anthem

We Shall Be Free

Young People's Time

### **We Hear God's Word**

Gospel Reading (NRSV)

Mark 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be silent, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, <sup>[a]</sup> let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

"Just Ask"

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### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn

Here Am I

No. 654

1 Here am I,  
where underneath the bridges  
of our winter cities  
homeless people sleep.  
Here am I,  
where in decaying houses  
little children shiver,  
crying at the cold.  
Where are you?

2 Here am I,  
 with people in the line-up,  
 anxious for a handout,  
 aching for a job.

Here am I,  
 where pensioners and strikers  
 sing and march together,  
 wanting something new.  
 Where are you?

3 Here am I,  
 where two or three are gathered,  
 ready to be altered,  
 sharing wine and bread.

Here am I,  
 where those who hear the preaching  
 change their way of living,  
 find the way to life.  
 Where are you?

Prayers of the People  
 Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Call to Offering

## \*Doxology

Old One Hundredth

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;  
 PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;  
 PRAISE GOD FOR ALL THAT LOVE HAS DONE;  
 CREATOR, CHRIST, AND SPIRIT ONE.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives.  
 May they be used to benefit your people and to honor your holy name. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

No. 113

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
 for the Bible tells me so.  
 Little ones to him belong;  
 they are weak, but he is strong.

## Refrain:

Yes! Jesus loves me!  
 Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 Yes, Jesus loves me!  
 The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
 as he loved so long ago,  
 taking children on the knee,  
 saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

3 Jesus loves me! still today,  
 walking with me on the way,  
 wanting as a friend to give  
 light and love to all who live. (Refrain)

**\*Commission and Blessing**

Feel the power of Christ's healing love restoring you. Go in peace, offering help and hope to others. And may the peace of God always be with you. AMEN.

**\*Congregational Response**

No. 312

**AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

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**Today's Liturgy:** Written by Nancy Townley at

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3057/worship-connection-september-8-2024>

**Today's Ushers:** Thank you Kris Franks and Eric Walters for serving as ushers this morning.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** John Doyle Jr 10/29, Cindy Hightower 11/2, and Mikkel Storassli 11/3

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER:** We are holding prayer for the following persons (new in italics): All those dealing with mental health crisis; all those struggling with addiction; those impacted by mass shootings and gun violence, those experiencing loss from climate crisis disasters; our LGBTQIA+ youth and children, as they remember they are loved; all caregivers who need support and rest; Deb Grandos niece, Susie, as she battles metastatic breast cancer; Doug, a friend of Toot's daughter-in-law, is in stage 4 cancer; prayers for strength and comfort for the Tschannen's, as well as those that will be helping them as they enter a new phase of their journey with Alzheimer's; Tim Chichester for his diabetes struggle; Lorel Chichester for her knee problems; Donna Geary's great nephew, Teddy, a one year-old recently diagnosed with cancer; Lisa Horist's Aunt Joy Ann, who is settling in to her new home; Nan Thorson, as she seeks relief from hearing loss; *Donna Geiger's niece, Fay Anne, who underwent breast cancer surgery; and Roberta Young, navigating seizures.*

## **Church Office Hours:**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:30-2:00

Wednesday: 8:30-2:00

Thursday: 8:30-2:00

Friday: Closed

\*If you need something in the bulletin, please send the information to Susan by **Tuesday**. You can call the office or email Susan at [secretary@millburnchurch.org](mailto:secretary@millburnchurch.org). Thank you for your help.

## **Pastor Miranda's Office Hours:**

Pastor Miranda's ministry often takes her out of the office. While she maintains an office presence Mon, Tues, and Thursday, her hours vary. In order to best meet your needs, feel free to call or email at [pastor@millburnchurch.org](mailto:pastor@millburnchurch.org) to schedule a meeting. Do not hesitate to contact her at 860-751-4452, especially in the event of an emergency. She looks forward to supporting you and serving the community at Millburn and beyond.

## **Messenger Deadline** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month

## **Feed My Starving Children - volunteer opportunity**

All are welcome to join us in packing meals on Saturday, November 2. We have 10 spots reserved for the 9:00-10:45 am shift. The address is 742 East Park Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Sarah Boulett ([serossi4@gmail.com](mailto:serossi4@gmail.com)).

**Soup's On!** Mark your calendar for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, when MYLO will hold a Soup & Salad Lunch and Bazaar after the 10a.m. worship service. We will be serving 5 homemade soups, tossed salad with choice of dressings, bread, crackers, desserts and drinks. Cost is only \$5 per person. Shop our bazaar table full of items made by our MYLO members. Great way to get a start on your holiday shopping.

## **Mission Committee Food Drive**

The Mission Committee is having a food drive this fall to benefit the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry which includes the Lake Villa and Lindenhurst communities. This pantry supplies food for approximately 40 families each month. Below is the list of items that are needed at this time! Place the items in the wicker basket near the altar and thank you for your support!

**Canned veggies, canned protein (tuna, chicken), pasta and soup**

**Paper products such as toilet paper, tissue, paper towel**

**Soaps such as dishwashing soap and body soaps**

**Dog and cat food are also needed.**

**Coffee Hour Sign-up** - We need your help. Please consider providing items for our Sunday Coffee Hours following the 10 a.m. worship service.

**THE NEW STOVE HAS ARRIVED!** - For cost and safety reasons, a gas shut off valve was installed at the back right side of the stove. Margie will give a demonstration to anyone or everyone in the kitchen after church on how to light the stove safely. Very easy!! There will also be a post of simple instructions near the stove.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MILLBURN CHURCH:**

**Council Meeting** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

**Feed My Starving Children** - Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at 742 East Park Ave., Libertyville, IL

**MYLO Soup and Salad** – Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> following worship