

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 3, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Building Empathy- Step Out of Your Comfort Zone

Announcements

Greeting and Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me No.614

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God, you send us saints ...

People: And we imprison them, or nail them on crosses. Have mercy.

Leader: God, you send us saints ...

People: And we persuade ourselves that they are fools, or meddlers or incompetents. Have mercy.

Leader: God, you send us saints ...

People: And we hate them for reminding us that our comfort requires the poverty of others. Have mercy.

Leader: God, you send us saints ...

People: And we ignore them. Have mercy.

***Words of Assurance**

God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer. 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
Tolling of the Bell

Celebration of Holy Communion

All Believers are welcome at this Table.

You may commune as you are served

Invitation

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: In peace let us pray:

ALL: Jesus Christ, lamb and shepherd, we remember you here, as we remember all your saints. Help us to remember you not just in this sanctuary but in our homes and schools our cars and offices to remember that every part of our life is shot through with your grace and that we are never alone but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses united by your love. Amen.

From <https://carolhferguson.com/2017/11/05/a-communion-liturgy-for-all-saints-sunday/>

Anthem

Shepherd Me O God

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading (NRSV)

Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Sermon

"In Memory Of"

Rev. Miranda Moeller

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

No. 638

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
in our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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

Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

No. 628

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone

Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
 When my light is almost gone
 Hear my cry, hear my call
 Hold my hand lest I fall
 Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
 When the darkness appears and the night draws near
 And the day is past and gone
 At the river I stand
 Guide my feet, hold my hand
 Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

***Commission and Blessing**

When love reigns, the world will change.
 Be the love that the world needs
 For the kingdom to become our beloved realm.
 Go, in the assurance that the God of Love,
 Who is Love, is with you.

***Congregational Response**

No. 312

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Today's Liturgy: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/these-are-they/all-saints-day-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/all-saints-day-year-a-liturgical-resources> and *You Shall Love: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year B* was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Today's Ushers: Thank you Nancy Tschannen and Margo Paramski for serving as ushers this morning.

Celebrating Birthdays: Allison Grandos 11/4, Susan Lee 11/6, Luke Etienne 11/7, Michelle Crombie 11/10, and Katelyn Tipler 11/10

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; Donna Geiger's niece, Fay Anne, who underwent breast cancer surgery; and Roberta Young, navigating seizures; and *Judy Kozak, who is recovering after a fall and hip surgery.*

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. 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 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.

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).

Soup's On! Mark your calendar for Nov. 3rd, 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.

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.

Messenger Deadline — 3rd Friday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MILLBURN CHURCH:

Council Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month

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

MYLO Soup and Salad — Sunday, November 3rd following worship

Pet Blessing — November 17th, 1:00 outside, by the picnic tables.