

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

Second Sunday After Epiphany January 19, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Compassion in Action: Rescue

Announcements

Greetings and Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

No. 233

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
 risen now to reign in love.
 Alleluia! Praise the Savior;
 with the multitudes above.
 There the songs of saints and martyrs
 thunder like a mighty flood,
 "Jesus out of every nation
 has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
 are we left in sorrow now.
 Alleluia! Christ is near us;
 faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him
 when the forty days were o'er,
 shall our hearts forget the promise,
 "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
 be on earth our food and stay.
 Alleluia! here the sinful
 flee to you from day to day.
 Intercessor, friend of sinners,
 earth's redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless
 sweep across the crystal sea.

***Call to Worship**

One: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

One: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

One: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Many: For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Beloved, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey.

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

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. by Mayo

Young People's Time

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading (NRSV)

John 2:2-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you?[\[a\]](#) My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. 9 When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

The First Rescue Mission

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We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 595

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
 thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Great God of heaven, my victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

**Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good.
 Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to
 participate in your kindom on earth. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

We Meet You, O Christ

No. 183

1 We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise;
 your image we see in simple and wise.
 You live in a palace, exist in a shack.
 We see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.

2 In millions alive, away and abroad,
 involved in our life you live down the road.
 Imprisoned in systems, you long to be free;
 we see you, O Jesus, still bearing your tree.

3 In human distress, we still hear you cry;
 for freedom you march, in riots you die.
 Your face in the papers we read and we see.
 The tree must be planted by human decree.

4 You choose to be made at one with the earth;
 the dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
 Your death is your rising, creative your word:
 the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.

*Commission and Blessing

May you be filled by the presence of God
 May you draw from the wells of justice, peace, and righteousness
 May you taste the fruit of the Spirit
 As you make the way of Jesus your path in the world
 And you make the name of God known in word and deed.
 Go, in peace and power to love and serve God and neighbor.

*Congregational Response

No. 312

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Today's Liturgy: *Fill, Draw, Taste: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany* was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Today's Ushers: Thank you, Shirley and Dan Haley for serving as ushers this morning.

Celebrating Birthdays: Dan Haley 1/20, Eric Walters 1/20, Rebecca Fuller 1/20, James Grolmes 1/21, Kristie Hughes 1/24, and Arlen Daley 1/26

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; Tim Chichester for his diabetes struggle; Lorel Chichester for her knee problems; Donna Geary's great nephew, Teddy, a one year-old navigating cancer; Roberta Young, navigating seizures; Susan Lee's sister-in-law, Kim, who continues to be hospitalized; Carol Rossi's sister-in-law, Pat, and niece, Eileen, both of whom are navigating cancer; Eddie Young, Ruth's husband, who continues to recover at home; and prayers for Bob Tschannen's journey with Alzheimer's; *Jack Doyle's sister, Nancy, experiencing serious health issues; and*

Korina Daley's friend, Sydney Belina and her family who lost their home in the LA fires.

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.

The Mission Committee and Millburn Church will be working with

One Hope United in January. On Sunday, January 26, we will be helping make blankets for the boys and young men of One Hope United in Lake Villa. During Coffee Hour on 1/26 we will be cutting material which will be made into blankets. We hope you'll join us and all you need to do is bring sharp scissors!

Chili Cook Off - Bring your cooking skills, your taste buds, and your friends to our annual Chili Cook Off. It will be held in our Lauren Hall on Sunday, February 2nd, beginning at 11:30.

Try Every Chili - \$5.00 per person

Vote for your Favorite

Have a bowl of your Favorite

Cheer for the Winner

Be the Winner and enjoy a trophy and bragging rights
Sign up to compete, eat, or bring a dessert.
Friends are welcome!

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

Messenger Deadline – 3rd Friday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MILLBURN CHURCH:

Council Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month (December 2nd Thursday)

One Hope United – January 26th , after worship service making blankets

Chili Cook-off – February 2nd , after worship service