

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 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 (Adapted from Psalm 19)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Many: Day to day we see God's grace, night to night we hear of God's wisdom.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives our souls.

Many: God's wisdom is right; our hearts rejoice.

One: God's word is sweeter than honey, and finer than gold.

Many: Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we know that we are the body of Christ, but sometimes we find it difficult to live that out. We worry about having enough, and do not share our gifts. We can be incredibly generous in some ways, and not in others. We worry about what other people will think, or fear failure, or are stuck in our own uncertainty and disappointments. Help us to trust you and to trust ourselves better. May we embody your good gifts through all we are and all that we do. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Beloved community, trust and know that God's grace is abundant. Feel God's peace and hope, and know that we are forgiven no matter who we are or what we have done. 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 Are the Body Of Christ

Young People's Time

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading (NRSV)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are

treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Sermon

Sharing Your Gifts

Rev. Emily Mitchell

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

No. 592

[Refrain:]

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks so fine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]

2 Jordan River chilly and cold,
chills the body, not the soul.

Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. [Refrain]

3 I have heartache, I have woe,
 I have trouble here below.
 While God leads me I'll not fear,
 I am sheltered by God's care. [Refrain]

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

Loving God, we see your abundance at work in the world. May our gifts be a buoy to your work, and may our time, talent, and treasure serve to build a world of greater hope, love, and community. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

No. 251

Spirit of the Living God,
 Fall afresh on me,
 Spirit of the Living God,
 Fall afresh on me.
 Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

***Commission and Blessing**

As we leave this place, may we all know that we are deeply loved by the One whose grace is endless.

May the work of your hands and voices serve to make God's love known.

May the gifts you offer be a beacon of light in the wider world.

Go in peace, to love and serve in God's goodness and mercy.

***Congregational Response**

No. 312

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Today's Liturgy: Written by Rev. Emily Mitchell.

Today's Ushers: Thank you, Diane and Scott Etienne for serving as ushers this morning.

Celebrating Birthdays: Juliana Lopez 1/29, William Holst 1/30, Angie Lantman 2/1, Austin Daley 2/2, Amanda Moulchin 2.2

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

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

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