

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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.
Compassion in Action: Rescue

Announcements

Greetings and Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn

Dancin in the Street!

*Call to Worship (Adapted from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr)

One: Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered.

Many: In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures.

One: Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us.

Many: We pray in faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

One: From all pettiness and smallness of mind,

Many: Good Lord, deliver us.

One: From every unkind remark and thoughtless word,

Many: Good Lord, deliver us.

One: From shuttered eyes and hardened hearts,

Many: Good Lord, deliver us.

One: Through the glorious diversity of creation,

Many: Lord, lead us to joy.

One: Through the rich diversity of humanity,

Many: Lord, lead us to understanding.

One: Through our desire to follow your Son

Many: Lord, lead us to peace and love.

One: May the love of your Son so influence our relationships, and direct all our actions, that any evil that separates us from one another may lose all power and significance and be overcome by our oneness in you, O God.

All: Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Beloved, love never ends. You reflect the goodness, creative work, and imagination of God. The Holy One knows you well and calls you good. Receive the grace of God to live a life that ever transforms and renews through the power of God's abiding, constant, and tangible love.

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

Reach Out (I'll Be There)

Children's Time

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading (NRSV)

Galatians 3:28

²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no

longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring,^[a] heirs according to the promise.

Sermon

Motown Dreams

Rev. Miranda Moeller

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

What's Goin' On?

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

Giver of Good Gifts, may the gifts we give reflect your abundance and generosity. Use our time, talent, and treasure to serve our faith community and the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

I Say A Little Prayer for You

*Commission and Blessing

May the blessing of the Holy One who has plumbed every depth, continually raise you up.

May God's ridiculous abundance stretch wide your heart.

And may God gift you with a boldness to bless others, awakening them to their beloved identity.

Amen and Amen!

*Congregational Response

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AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Today's Liturgy: *Into the deep: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Year C* was written by the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ.

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

Celebrating Birthdays: Penny Tate 2/11, Nico Lopez 2/12, James Zradicka 2/13, Korina Daley 2/15, Terrance Knight 2/15

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; Carol Rossi's sister-in-law, Pat, and niece, Eileen, both of whom are navigating cancer; prayers for Bob Tschannen's journey with Alzheimer's; and Jack Doyle's sister, Nancy, experiencing serious health issues.

Shirley Haley would like to thank everyone for their prayers. She is doing well in healing from surgery. She really appreciated the card from all of us.

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 is having a food drive during the month of February to benefit the Lake Villa Township Food Bank. You can put your food donations in the basket that will be on the altar. Here is the list of items needed:

Canned fruit

Packaged side dishes

Cereal/Oatmeal

Paper towels

Jelly

Canned meals (such as Spaghetti-O's, etc.)

Kleenex

The MYLO group each year purchases the devotional booklet "These Days" for the members and friends of Millburn Church. Please pick up your copy found on the welcome table or on the rack by the information board in Lauren Hall.

Women's Retreat - This year's women's retreat is Friday, May 2nd evening and all day on Saturday. It's all about a spa! There is a signup sheet in Lauren's Hall on the bulletin board. The cost will be less than \$50. There are often laughs, and even tears, as people have really opened up. It's a great time to get to know each other better! Reach out to Nan if you have any questions.

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

Spring Rummage Sale - Friday, April 4th and Saturday April 5th

Women's Retreat — Friday May 2nd evening and all day Saturday, May 3rd