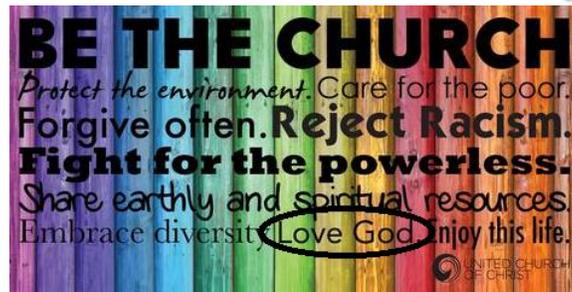


First Church of Lombard United Church of Christ

First Church of Lombard UCC is located on land that was originally occupied by these various Native Peoples: Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Peoria, Bodewadmiakiwen (Potowatomi), Miami and Oceti Sakowin (Sioux).

In-Person & Virtual Worship

October 11, 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE

Lawrence Underwood

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

GATHERING SONG *Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped* (vs. 4)

*Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending,
All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight: amen, amen never ending.*

OPENING PRAYER

One: Living God, at times you seem so distant; help us know you are near. At times we stray; welcome us home. Standing in your presence, we know there are other people we could be with; help us bridge the gap between your presence and the people we love. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Amos Project moment

through an anthem

Lawrence Underwood

through scripture

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

through a sermon

Be the Church: Love God

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

PARTING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

Arr. Ovid Young

NEWS AND NOTES

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED INGATHERING Month of October

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Today and through the rest of October, we have an opportunity to support the ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States as the United Church of Christ seeks participation in serving the Council for American Indian Ministry and supporting the churches serving reservations as well as the Justice and Witness Ministries through grants. Please be generous in using the envelopes provided or you may make a donation online by going to www.FCOL.org. Go to the top right and hit the "DONATE" button. Under the fund select "UCC Offerings" then type "Neighbors in Need" in the memo box. Please know that all contributions will work toward justice in a variety of locations and ways.

TOY EXPRESS There are children in our area whose parents are in such financial stress that they won't be able to buy gifts for them at Christmas. We can help. First Church and the Outreach House are partnering with LOVE Christian Clearinghouse for the eighth year in gathering toys and games to make Christmas be better for these families. Gifts need to be new and unwrapped and suitable for ages 12 and under and may be brought to the large box in the narthex through December 6th.

LOVE will collect all gifts and deliver them to Toy Express in the name of First Church/Outreach House. Questions? Please call Lynda Wilson at 630-512-8669 or see her at church.

HOLIDAY NUTS

While we talk of the many uses of nuts during the holiday season, the Maple Street Chapel wants to remind everyone that nuts don't have a "time" that they're great. They're good for baking, snacking, and giving as a hostess gift, and the Chapel is again offering the high quality nuts that everyone enjoys. Please use the order form ([CLICK HERE](#)) and submit it by October 21st and be ready to pick up the order by Saturday, November 21st, or Sunday, November 22nd. Checks should be written for The Maple Street Chapel with "nuts" in the memo line.

This is one of the ways of creating funds for the maintenance of the Maple Street Chapel and keeping it the treasure that it is for the whole town.

MOVIE NIGHT

All are invited to gather for an outdoor movie night right here at First Church THIS Friday, October 16th. Bring chairs, blankets, and snacks as we watch a family-friendly movie together at 7:00 PM. Movie (still to be announced) will move inside to Hatfield Hall in case of inclement weather. This is a great night for the whole family.

FAIR TAX AMENDMENT

Looking to learn more about Illinois' fair tax amendment? Attend a free online Zoom seminar on Monday, October 26th, at 6:00 PM, presented by Chicago's Community Renewal Society, a 136-year-old faith-based organization that works with communities to address issues of racism and poverty. Register online at <https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/events/crs-fair-tax-presentation-october>.

"THE SWEET LIFE"

This season's Women's Retreat is a fully-packed one on Saturday, November 21st, and it's all done **right here**. Gathering is at 9:30 AM for a time for checking in and "catching up" and leads to program time 10AM-5PM. Box lunches will be provided. After an "at home" dinner break, the group will reconvene from 7-9 PM in the Hennessy's back yard for "Fireside Fellowship". Cost of the retreat is \$35 and includes all program costs, lunch, treats, and even more.

Watch for the sign-up for this day of sharing ideas and humor with women from First Church.

PRAIRIE PATH CLEANUP

First Church has one last time to "work" its mile of Prairie Path, and that happens on Saturday, October 17th. Please gather at First Church parking lot doors at 8 AM and plan on being finished by 10 AM. This day will include planting seeds that were to have been shared during the Lilac Parade and putting them along the path to bring beauty to that area. If there are questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at jashaw52@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY NIGHT

"Be the Church" is the focus of the 7 PM Wednesday Bible study group with words chosen by the United Church of Christ for study. Please contact Val Sutton at vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for the Zoom link for the gathering.

COMEUNITY

ComeUnity is an interfaith group that is working for social justice, and those who have been meeting invite others to join them on Wednesdays, October 14th, and November 11th, from 6:45-8:30 PM. To receive the Zoom link, please send an email to comeunity.socialjustice@gmail.com.

SUNDAY FAITH EXPLORATION

"Seeing Through a New Lens" is the theme of the 9 AM Sunday morning gathering via Zoom. There are facilitators for each meeting, leading thoughts through discussion of the information gathered from a video or some other medium. Please contact Val Sutton, Educational Ministries Coordinator, at vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for the Zoom connection for this week.

"BEYOND WORDS" DISCUSSION

Love Is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry has been chosen to be the book for the November 18th discussion of "Beyond Words" book discussion group. Plan on being present at 6:45 PM either in person in the North Conference Room or via Zoom. Bishop Curry expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, Love Is the Way shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.

Books are available for \$12 in the office or by contacting Val Sutton.

FOOD PANTRY

The Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry continues to serve families in financial stress, and the pantry is asking for donations to continue so that these families may be served. Please take donations to be dropped at the Methodist Church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

THANK YOU

The Management Team would like to thank Women's Fellowship that provided half the funds to seal-coat and re-stripe the church parking lot. Two additional handicapped spots have been added to the lot. The lot looks brand new. Thanks to the staff also for relocating their cars during the process.

