

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
September 26, 2021– Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



The nursery is closed until further notice. Rocking chairs are reserved for use by families with young children.

Children in preschool through 6th grade are invited to head directly to Sunday School, rather than starting in worship with their families. Each week's location is posted on the church entrance doors. A parent or another responsible adult should pick up children at 11:00 a.m., which may be a few minutes after the conclusion of the worship service.

PRELUDE

Lawrence Underwood

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

GATHERING SONG

Be Now My Vision (vs. 1,3) NCH #451

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart –
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.*

*Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.*

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, Maker of All, we come to you in worship, offering our praise and prayer in wonder at all you have made. With all creation, our voices rise to you and proclaim your enduring faithfulness. Come to us in the power of your life-giving Spirit to enliven our hearts and minds to respond in faith and trust to the knowledge of your love and grace. Amen.

SIGNS OF PEACE

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through a stewardship moment

Ryan Frano

through a mission moment

Kris DeSmedt

through an anthem

Everywhere I Go
Chancel Choir

Sally DeFord

through scripture

Numbers 11: 4-6, 11-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.’ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. So Moses said to the Lord, ‘Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child”, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.’ So the Lord said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’

through a sermon

“Eldad, Medad and Me”

Val Sutton, Director of Educational Ministries

through a hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,4) NCH #42*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!*

*Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given,
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit (vs. 1) NCH #293*

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE In My Heart There Rings a Melody arr. Melody Baker

NEWS AND NOTES

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COUNCIL CORNER 9.20.21

Rally Day went well!!! It was exciting to see so many members back in worship.

New Stewardship letters have gone out, and we ask you to return them by September 30th, so the church budget can be determined.

New Community Engagement Coordinator position will be posted starting October 1st, with an official start date of January 3, 2022.

The Church Constitution was discussed and amended, and prepared for adoption by the Congregation at the next Congregational Meeting.

Denise Dabisch
Clerk

DIAPER DRIVE

The Wider Church Team is holding a diaper drive benefiting First Things First.

Tomorrow kicks off National Diaper Need Awareness Week. The week draws attention to the issue of diaper need in our community and across the U.S. Locally, The Outreach House has seen the need for diapers increase by almost 20% over last year. Our goal is to collect 7,000 diapers by the end of October.

The most urgent need today is for Size 5 and 6 diapers.

Diapers can be dropped off at First Church on Sunday, or at The Outreach House Tues.-Wed. morning or Wed. 5-6:30 pm. Look for a wish list on AmazonSmile. [Check out our list on Amazon Here](#) or search the charity list for First Things First.

By working together, we can ensure that all babies have access to clean diapers and other basic necessities required for them to thrive and reach their full potential.

Contact Kris DeSmedt at kdesmedt@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

"What if the solution to the world's problems was right in front of us all along?" Bring your dinner to watch the documentary film I Am on Friday, October 1 -- followed by a discussion with others from the FCL community! The movie features director Tom Shadyac speaking with intellectual and spiritual leaders about what's wrong with our world and how we can improve both it and the way we live in it. Come check it out at 6:00 p.m. in the North Conference Room or via Zoom; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for Zoom links or more information.

IT'S (VIRTUAL) LILAC AUCTION TIME! MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NOV. 14-21

The 31st Annual Lilac Auction will be a virtual event again. Last year was such a success—just in time for the holidays.

Registration will open **Sunday, November 14 at Noon and close Sunday, November 21 at 5 pm!** As always, the proceeds from this event support ongoing First Church outreach initiatives.

Do you have a gift or service you can share for the auction? Examples include baked goods, services like dog walking/babysitting/landscaping, tickets to sporting and musical events, artwork, a stay at a vacation home, a specialty meal, a themed basket, etc. Get creative, First Church!

Contact the Lilac Auction Team with any donations and/or questions at LilacAuctionFCL@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

The Auction Committee

Andi Cooper, Richonda Goldsmith, Teri Hatfield & Kristin Walsh

JACK O'LANTERN JAMBOREE

Plan now to throw on a costume and bring a friend or neighbor to FCL's Outdoor Jack O'Lantern Jamboree on Saturday, October 23! Sing around the fire, paint a pumpkin, and more! Kids are invited to come with an adult any time between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. *If costumed, please leave "weapons" at home!*

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars for this year's Women's Retreat and plan to gather (safely!) with women of all ages as we think through this year's theme: "The Sweet Life." This "in-house retreat" for women will be held at First Church of Lombard on FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 19 (6:00 to 10:00 p.m.) and all day on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)!

On Friday evening, we will gather at First Church for a time to hang out and relax... followed by "Fireside Fellowship" at the Hennessy's house (weather-permitting). Then, after you've gotten a good night's sleep in your own bed (!), head back on Saturday morning for more! Check-in and chit-chat begins at 9:30 a.m., and the fun goes until 5:00 p.m.... when you have the option of extending the day by going out to dinner with our wonderful group of ladies!

The cost of \$35 includes all program costs, lunch on Saturday, treats, and more. Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information or head to tinyurl.com/SweetLifeRetreat2021 to register today!

ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PATH CLEAN-UP

Illinois prairie path clean-up will happen again on Saturday, October 2nd starting at 800 a.m. outside the parking lot doors of First Church. Come prepared to pick up trash & recycling on our mile of the IPP from Main to Hill St/ Crescent in Glen Ellyn. If the weather does not cooperate, we will postpone till later. Please let Patty Bruzek know if you plan to come at bruzekkp@comcast.net.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Get Ready for the Great Prairie Trail CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 3rd starting at 1:00pm from our church's parking lot. You can sign up and walk with the First Church of Lombard Team, help raise money virtually or do both! For more details contact our team leader Corinne Flemm at flemm623@gmail.com or go to our team website at: <https://tinyurl.com/CropWalkFCL>

75% of funds raised will benefit Church World Service programs in the Dominican Republic, providing animals and resources to enable families to start a small business and work towards becoming self-sufficient.

25% of funds raised will benefit the following local food pantries with access to food through Northern Illinois Food Bank:

- Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry
- Disciples Food Pantry, Villa Park
- Addison Township Food Pantry
- ICNA Relief Food Pantry, Glendale Heights
- The Outreach House / Community Table, Lombard

CALLED TO CARE

Please reserve the evening of Tuesday, November 9, to engage with our Called to Care ministry!

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

The DuPage unit of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is holding its 5th Annual Remembrance Ceremony on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00pm. The ceremony will remember friends and family that have been lost to suicide. For more information go to: namidupage.org.

The Glenbard Parent Series offers sessions with a variety of experts over the coming weeks. The schedule can be accessed at glenbardgps.org.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

It is with heavy hearts that we share that Dr. Morgan Meyer passed away on Tuesday. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.