

## October 17, 2021 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



## OPENING PRAYER

Read by Joey Dabisch

Dear God of agape love, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to be here today. Please be with us as we celebrate and remember the work done by the Youth Community in worship this morning. May everyone who is present understand and experience the joy and love of being in community with each other and with your creation today. Amen.

## SIGNS OF PEACE

### **THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

through an anthem                      God Bless the Broken Road  
Allie O'Callaghan, Maggie Suarino, and Linaea Walsh

through scripture                      Psalm 86:8-13a                      Read by Josh Maida

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.  
For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.  
Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.  
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.  
For great is your steadfast love toward me.

through a video presentation of the 2021 Youth Community Summer Mission Trip

through stories from members of the Youth Community                      Linaea Walsh  
Jack Johnson

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

Kylie Johnson

AN OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

Val Sutton

*Please note that all prayer request cards will be forwarded on to our Prayer Team.*

## SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

### **\*PARTING SONG**

*Lean On Me*

Bill Withers

*Some times in our lives we all have pain,  
We all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise  
We know that there's always tomorrow.*

[Chorus]

*Lean on me, when you're not strong,  
And I'll be your friend.  
I'll help you carry on.  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need  
Somebody to lean on.  
Please swallow your pride  
If I have faith you need to borrow.  
For no one can fill those of your needs  
That you won't let show.*

*You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand,  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,  
We all need somebody to lean on.*

[Repeat Chorus]

*You just call on me, sister, when you need a hand,  
We all need somebody to lean on....*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Read by Irena Urbain  
Chosen by Katie O'Callaghan

*May God the Father prepare your journey,  
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,  
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,  
The Three in One watch over you,  
on every road that you may follow.*

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*In the Hall of the Mountain King*  
Julian Underwood, Bassoon

Grieg

*Please remain seated for the postlude.*

## **REMINDER**

The next Church Council meeting will be tomorrow,  
Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Contact the office at [info@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:info@firstchurchoflombard.org) if you  
would like to attend.

We acknowledge that First Church of Lombard UCC  
is located on the traditional native lands of the  
Kiikaapoi, Peoria, Bodewadmiakiwen,  
Miami and Oceti Sakowin peoples.



# NEWS AND NOTES

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## **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

Following worship this morning, the Youth Community invites you to take part in a walking labyrinth downstairs in Fellowship Hall, continuing the theme of steps, roads, and journeys that we have been working through since our Mission Trip this past summer.

## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND... THE MISTLETOE MART!**

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Come on out and shop for Christmas early! There will be hand-made gifts and home-based businesses throughout five locations. Start anywhere and make your way around: First Church, Maple Street Chapel (only open till 1 p.m.), Sacred Heart Church, St. John's Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, and the Lombard Historical Society. You can get your passports stamped at each location for a special grand prize! Check us out on <https://www.facebook.com/LombardChristmasMart>

Sponsored by: The Westin Chicago Lombard, Rosemary and Jeans, Lombard Historical Society, The Ladies' Room, Lilac Bakery and Shannon's Deli.

## **LILAC AUCTION: REMEMBERING THE REASON...REGISTERING TO BID!**

As we always say, the proceeds from the Lilac Auction support ongoing First Church outreach initiatives. It's a good time of the year to remember how many people we reach and help right here in our community through programs such as the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, the Outreach House, Community Table and more. Your participation in the auction helps keep programs like these going. You will be receiving a link to our auction registration site within the next week with step-by-step instructions on how to register so that you will be able to bid during the actual auction, Nov. 7-14.

Any questions, email [LilacAuctionFCL@gmail.com](mailto:LilacAuctionFCL@gmail.com), or reach out to anyone on the committee!  
—Andi Cooper, Richonda Goldsmith, Teri Hatfield & Kristin Walsh

## **TEATIME ON TUESDAYS**

Haven't had a chance to connect with Pastor Jill? Need a pick me up in your week? Want to see other First Church friends? Then join Teatime on Tuesdays. Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. connect with Pastor Jill and others via Zoom. This will replace Sunday virtual coffee hour for the time being. Begins on Tuesday, October 19. Be on the lookout for an email with the Zoom link or contact the office for the link.

## **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!*

## **ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

Interested in hearing UCC President Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer speak to the Illinois Conference? How about experiencing worship led by the Illinois Conference Minister Rev. Molly Carlson? Or perhaps book discussions of Culture Catalyst by Samuel Chand or Jemar Tisby's *The Color of Compromise*? The 2021 Annual Celebration of the Illinois Conference will happen virtually November 16-20, and anyone from our congregation can access the activities for the congregational registration fee paid by First Church. However, names and emails for any wishing to have access will need to be supplied at the time of registration. So, if you are interested in being included, please let Dan Jares ([jares@att.net](mailto:jares@att.net)) know before October 18.

## **DIAPER DRIVE - 2 WEEKS TO GO!**

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

Please donate if you can. **The most urgent need today is for Size 5 and 6 diapers.** Together, we can ensure that all babies have access to clean diapers.

Our goal is to collect a one-month supply or 7,000 diapers by the end of October.

Diapers can be dropped off at First Church on Sunday, or at The Outreach House Tues.-Wed. morning or Wed. 5-6:30 pm.

**OR**

Check out our list on Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/OutreachHouseWishlist>. You can opt to use this link, they can be sent directly to the Outreach House Diaper Drive chairperson. She happens to live in Elmhurst but will deliver directly to OH for you.

Contact Kris DeSmedt at [kdesmedt@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:kdesmedt@firstchurchoflombard.org) for more information.

## **BEYOND WORDS BOOK DISCUSSION**

Books are now available for FCL's next Beyond Words Book Discussion, coming Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. Pick up a copy of *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson in the office for \$12 each. Contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) to arrange pick-up or to suggest a book for 2022!

## **"FIND CONNECTION" at FCL's SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION CLASS!**

Gather via Zoom or in the North Conference Room every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Faith Exploration to explore the theme of "Finding Connection" with a variety of facilitators and media (video, article, etc.) that fits this theme. Come any week that you can make it! If you have questions, would like to be sent the weekly topic and Zoom links contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org).

## **LENS OF FAITH WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES GOING ON NOW!**

Lens of Faith is held Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom through November 3. Guided by *The Little Book of Contemplative Photography* by Howard Zehr, Minister Susan Steinmiller, and your camera (a cell phone camera will do!), this class uses photographic exercises to focus on ideas like changing the lens, seeing the light, the abstract, exploring metaphors, and more! All ages are welcome. Copies of the companion book can be purchased in the church office for \$5; contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) to arrange a pick-up or to receive reminders and weekly Zoom links!

### **DINNER, DOCUMENTARY, AND DISCUSSION!**

Bring your dinner to watch the documentary film "Summer of Soul" on Friday, November 5 -- followed by a discussion with others from the FCL community! "Summer Of Soul" (...Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised) is a feature documentary about the legendary 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival which celebrated African American music and culture, and promoted Black pride and unity. Come check it out on the first Friday of November at 6:00 p.m. in the North Conference Room or via Zoom; contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) for Zoom links or more information.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Registration is going on now for this year's Women's Retreat! Stop by the table after worship 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.)! The cost of \$35 includes all program costs, lunch on Saturday, treats, and more. Contact [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) for more information or head to [tinyurl.com/SweetLife2021](http://tinyurl.com/SweetLife2021) to register today!

Registration deadline is Sunday, October 24.

### **SWAT TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!**

The Youth Community is seeking adult volunteers to "Serve Willingly Albeit Temporarily" as drivers and adult chaperones for several upcoming events. SWAT volunteers help out when available, on an as-needed, by-request basis (as opposed to committing to being a regular Youth Community leader). If you are interested in joining FCL's SWAT team for Youth Community, contact Val Sutton at [vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org](mailto:vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org)

### **SUPPORT FIRST CHURCH AND/OR THE YOUTH COMMUNITY BY SHOPPING!**

When you and your family members buy gift cards for everyday spending on ShopWithScrip.com, a percentage of every card you buy can be donated back to First Church of Lombard, benefiting ministries like The Outreach House and the Youth Community. Buy gift cards for over 750 top brands, including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, and more! As much as 20% of each card's value will be donated to the missions and ministries of First Church of Lombard!

Donations can be designated to benefit The Outreach House, the Youth Community Mission Trip, or even to defray the cost for a particular youth attending the Mission Trip. Go to ShopWithScrip.com and click on "Join a Program," then enter the First Church enrollment code: 3175LEFE9427.

Register by creating a username, password and filling out your information (remember that your friends and family can do this too!). Then, start shopping for gift cards in the amount that you will use to stores you frequent – then repeat as often as you can!

Contact [bcastillo@FirstChurchofLombard.org](mailto:bcastillo@FirstChurchofLombard.org) for information on ordering by check, picking up physical gift cards and to let us know how donations should be designated.

### **IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Our thoughts and prayers are with George Nason who is currently in the hospital.