

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
September 29, 2024 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Children in preschool through 5th grade begin worship with their families and will be dismissed to Sunday School shortly. For parents who need a quiet, calm place to go with smaller children, the Nursery is available across from the main office. The audio of the service -- as well as activities for infants and toddlers -- are accessible, but the room is not staffed.

PRELUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Lloyd Larson

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG**

Enter, Rejoice and Come In (NCH #73)

*Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

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***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Holy One, bring hope and healing to our lives when hurt hardens our hearts. Holy Jesus, call us into community even when we feel isolated and alone. Holy Spirit, lend us patience and persistence when change takes longer than we imagined. Alleluia and Amen.

Children in preschool through 5th grade are now dismissed to Sunday School; a teacher will be on-hand to guide them to their class. Sunday School students should be picked up by a parent or other responsible adult at 11:30 a.m. at the Resource Room (on the lower level).

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through a mission moment

Crop Walk

Corinne Flemm

through an anthem

Exuberant Joy
Josiah Reade Ringers

Arnold B. Sherman

through scripture

2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-15

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

through a sermon

Imagine Together: Healing

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

O Christ the Healer We Have Come, [NCH #175 (tune: Tallis' Canon)]

*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?*

*From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed.
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.*

*In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*

*Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

WITNESSING STEWARDS

Julian and Emilia Underwood

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

Gathered Here (NCH #742)

*Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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** *Shall We Gather at the River* (NCH #597)

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. [Refrain]*

*As we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. [Refrain]*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful

arr. William Phemister

***As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.**

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Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour immediately after worship.

If you would like to hear about upcoming events and receive the News and Notes via email, please email Bea Castillo at bcastillo@firstchurchoflombard.org. A limited number of hard copies are available in the narthex.

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.



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWS AND NOTES

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CHURCH BUDGET MEETING

The Church Treasurer will hold an informal meeting for any congregant to discuss and explain our usual budgeting process and the importance of the present Stewardship Campaign. This meeting will occur after church THIS Sunday, September 29 in the South Conference Room. Please grab some coffee and a quick bite to eat and join Jon Walsh for the essential nuggets of our church budget process.

NEARING THE END OF THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025

We are nearing the end of this year's Stewardship Campaign. Our theme, "Imagine Together," asks us to envision First Church as a community that moves forward through time and place, reaching people far away and through future generations. As our church served its members and our community as far back as 1870, we want it to continue to be a vital part of the lives of future generations.

Please prayerfully consider how you can make First Church a lasting ministry, by pledging of your time, talent, and financial support.

Stewardship pledge cards are prayerfully requested by next Sunday, October 6.

Sunday's "Witnessing Stewards" are Julian and Emilia Underwood, who will share with you their thoughts and feelings about First Church of Lombard. We hope that you listen to their testimonials and appreciate the courage and conviction they have in standing up here before you and sharing their personal experiences.

CHOOSING PEACE: SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION

Join in any Sunday starting September 15 at 9:00 a.m. for FCL's Sunday Morning Adult Faith Exploration! This is a weekly discussion that will center around the theme of "Choosing Peace." Whether we are talking about peace in our own lives or in our world, peace is a vital topic for each and every one of us. A variety of facilitators will present a piece of media (video, article, etc.) that fits this theme and ALL are welcome to enjoy the conversation that ensues! Come to the North Conference Room or attend via Zoom any week you can make it! The topic changes weekly; if you have questions, would like to be sent the weekly topic and Zoom links, or would be interested in facilitating one or more sessions, contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org.

THROUGH THE BIBLE... AGAIN!

Back by popular demand: Educational Ministries Director Val Sutton will again be teaching her "Through the Bible" series on Wednesdays in October! Starting October 2 at 7:00 p.m. and continuing through October 30, check out this amazing, fun approach that de-mystifies the Bible in a new way. Come even if you have attended before to learn more. If you can't come every week, that's okay too... a "review" is built into the beginning of each session! Available in person in the North Conference room or via Zoom; Zoom links will be sent before the first week of class. Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th AT 1 PM

Plan to enjoy a walk along the Prairie Path and Great Western Trail with First Church and community friends while supporting our local food programs and needs around the world. We will be taking signups for walkers and donations in September. This event is family-friendly and there will be a bounce house, games, and raffles.

To learn more now you can go to:

[Great Prairie Trail CROP Hunger Walk](#)

It will start and end at First Church. We hope you will be able to join our team of Agape Walkers!

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Got too much stuff? Don't know what to do with it? We have the answer! Donate it to the Rummage Sale!

*NO large items accepted (dressers, couches, etc.)

Drop Off:

Sunday, September 29 - 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Monday, September 30 – 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 1 – 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Set-Up (No items accepted)

Wednesday/Thursday, October 2 & 3 – 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Rummage Sale:

Pre-Sale Thursday, October 3 - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM \$5.00 to enter for pre-sale

Friday, October 4 - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM & 3:00 PM-6:30 PM

Saturday, October 5 - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This year's All Women's Retreat will be held November 15 through 17 at Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center in Sawyer, Michigan. All women are invited to gather around a "quilty" theme of "Pieces of Love: A Kaleidoscope of Color" as we enjoy the beauty of nature as well as fellowship, food, laughter, and a chance for renewal.

Space is limited! The cost of \$190 covers 2 night's stay, 4 meals, and all activities and is due upon sign-up, held at Coffee Hour after worship on Sundays October 6, 13, 20, and 27. You can also sign up online (link coming soon). Full and partial scholarships are available by contacting Val Sutton, Educational Ministries Director at vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CARD SHOWER:

On Sundays, September 29th and October 6th, Called to Care will have birthday cards to sign and send to June Newton, who will turn 101 on October 12! Please stop by so that we can get lots of good wishes to June!

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

INTERFAITH BOOK GROUP

Everyone is invited to join a discussion of the book This Green & Pleasant Land by Ayisha Malik on Saturday, October 12th at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall at First Church.

ORIGINS MOVIE SCREENING

Everyone is invited to this anti-racism task force advocacy partners and communityMariann impact event to be held on October 3 at 6:30 PM at First United Methodist Church Elmhurst, 232 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL. *Origin* explores the mystery of history, the wonders of romance, and a fight for our future. While investigating the global phenomenon of caste and its dark influence on society, a journalist faces unfathomable personal loss and uncovers the beauty of human resilience. Produced by Ava DuVernay, the film is based on Isabel Wilkerson's book [*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*](#).

You can register online by going to: <https://www.umcnic.org/origin-movie-screening>

LOVE INC TRIVIA NIGHT

Our mission partner, Love INC is having their second annual trivia night on Thursday, October 24 from 5:30-8:30 at the Community House in Hinsdale. The evening will include dinner, drinks and dessert and this year there will also be a costume contest. Teams of 4-8 are encouraged. If you would like join a team or have your own team in mind, please see Lynda Wilson or Pastor Jill.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants (ICDI) is grateful for the donations received to assist refugees. Donations assisted 3 families in Joliet to have housing, food, transportation and integration in the community in partnership with several organizations. Financial and material donations help immigrants living throughout the Chicago area. Thank you for your generous giving.

As donations of clothing and other supplies continue to come in, ICDI is in need of volunteers to sort and organize donations. The shifts are Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 pm at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church - 367 Spring Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Contact Sarah Ankunda at sankunda@icdichicago.org to volunteer.

Check out the latest newsletter from the ICDI here: <https://mailchi.mp/icdichicago/september2024-newsletter-6257122?e=9e88b5ed35>



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Volunteers for Sunday, September 29, 2024	Volunteers for Sunday, October 6, 2024
<u>Liturgist</u> Christine Tani	<u>Liturgist</u> Tiffany Warmowski
<u>Ushers</u> Marianne McGuire Mark Meyer	<u>Ushers</u> Becky Kirsh Matt Kirsh Greg LeBreux Mike Rodak
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Corinne Flemm Judy Kline Lynda Wilson
<u>Sound</u> Andrew Eckhart	<u>Sound</u> Thomas Hammerschmidt
<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday

Available by appointment

Friday & Saturday

CLOSED

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jill Terpstra - Senior Minister
 Val Sutton - Director of Educational Ministries
 Janette Rodriguez - Director of Music Ministries
 Lawrence Underwood - Children and Youth Music Coordinator
 Charlie Peterson - Porter
 Bea Castillo - Administrative Secretary

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