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Reformation Sunday (500th Anniversary)

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
235 South Kenilworth • Elmhurst, Illinois 60126
*Partners in Christ's Service***

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*Please use your time before the service begins
as a time for meditation.*

*At First Church, we welcome theological diversity. Please feel free to
substitute the liturgical language of your choice as you worship.*

**Those who are comfortably able to do so, please stand.
Words in Italics are instructions to the congregation.*

**When Worship Service Music appears in bold text,
please join the choir singing.**

***When entering the Sanctuary, please silence your cell phones.
Thank you.***

RINGING OF THE BELL

MORNING PRELUDE:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN #65**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness:

People: God is gathering the people!

Leader: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

People: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Leader: Those who are weeping, God will console;

People: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Leader: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

*** UNISON INVOCATION**

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI - Hymn #35**

**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 THE PEACE**

(Greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you!")

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

**"No Ticket Needed"
Martha Mendoza**

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go

PLEDGE DRIVE – TRADITIONAL YEARS

PRAYER MOMENT

Prayer Hymn #263

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Sins)

MUSIC MINISTRY ANTHEM

"I'm Standing on the Solid Rock"

SCRIPTURE

Deut. 34: 1-12

Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The Lord showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar.

Then the Lord said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it."

Then Moses, the Lord's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the Lord's command. The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit.

Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over.

Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the Lord commanded Moses.

No prophet like Moses has yet emerged in Israel; Moses knew the Lord face-to-face! That's not even to mention all those signs and wonders that the Lord sent Moses to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to his entire land— as well as all the extraordinary power that Moses displayed before Israel's own eyes!

***HYMN #4**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

SERMON

“Listening for a Still Speaking God”

Reverend Michael Daly

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

"How Great Thou Art"

Meg McGarry, vocal soloist - Dave Benziger, guitar

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEDICATION TO OFFER

Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #64** We Sing the Mighty Power, of God

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE:** "I'll Fly Away"
Jim Molina, piano - Dave Benziger, guitar

Our Scripture Reader this morning is Julia Morrow.

Our Altar Flowers this morning are given by Karen Pachyn.

Our Parlor Host this morning is Kim Brigman.

Our Head Usher this morning is Allen Sloma.

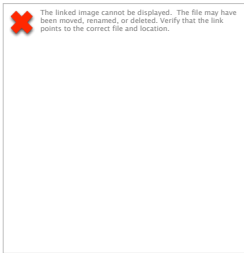
Prayer list

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| Peggy Bates | John Hampton | Dan Norton |
| Matty Beuke | Clare and Jean Jacobi | Mike Robicheau |
| Betty Bryan | Lu Krass | Kim Rudakas |
| Robert Cooper | Amy Kritz | Charlotte Schenk |
| Wayne Dreyer | Amy Lynch | Karen Sloma |
| Yvonne Dreyer | Joan Lynch | Mary Strock |
| Katherine Ehenberger | Michael Magana | Charles Sullivan |
| Earleen Graham | Dorothy Moncreiff | Emma Underwood |
| Susan Graybill | Sung Lee Moy | Grace Watry & family |
| Bertha Hahn | Lori Myers | Jeanne Warp |

Please submit prayer requests to Mary Anne Bixler at maryanne.elmhurstucc@yahoo.com or via the cards in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE DRIVE: Beginning Sunday October 29th and running for the next four Sundays through November 19th, we will be conducting our annual Pledge Drive. The focus this year will be on what we have accomplished through our church and what great things our church does for each of us. Each of those Sundays will feature certain aspects/strengths of our church. It is our hope that everyone will continue with their generosity to the church so that we can continue to grow.



ALL CHURCH MAGI STAR GIFT GIVING PROJECT

In the tradition of the Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus, we kick-off the 14th year of our annual "Magi Star" Gift Giving Project.

This year we are blessed once again to carry out this project with our partner churches, San Lucas United Church of Christ in Humboldt Park (a neighborhood of Chicago) and God Can Ministries United Church of Christ in Ford Heights, Illinois. Both of these sister churches serve in communities that are economically disadvantaged.

Beginning today, stars will be available for your selection in a basket placed in the foyer. Please take a star (or two or three!) and make sure to write your name and star number(s) on the sign-up sheet which will be on a clip board next to the basket.

We recommend the gift prices be no less than \$20.00. If you would like us to shop for you, donations can be made to the church with Magi Star in the memo line. We are also collecting Christmas themed

gift bags to deliver the items to the churches. If you have a stockpile of bags from previous Christmases waiting to be reused please leave them in the church foyer at the gift collection site.

All of the unwrapped gifts should be brought to First Congregational Church no later than Sunday, December 10th. Together we can put a smile on a youngster's face during the Christmas and Epiphany Season. We are prayerful that you will consider participation.

Youth Mission Work Trip Meeting

An important Youth/Parent Mission Work Trip meeting is taking place on Sunday, November 5th immediately after worship. We have much to share and would like to have at least one parent accompanying youth in 7th through 12th grade. We will be meeting in the Youth Room on the upper level.



- **Sunday, November 5th**
- **11:15 am to 12:30 pm**
- **Upper Level of Church Building/Youth Room**

In 2018 we can once again immerse ourselves with the people of Puerto Rico who are suffering from a catastrophic disaster. Now more than ever, let us prepare to be in ministry with our sisters and brothers on the Island. Please confirm your attendance at the meeting by contacting Martha Mendoza at marta.elmhurstucc@sbcglobal.net

Middle Schoolers Service Project



Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor
Proverbs 22:9

Instilling a service oriented lifestyle is at the core of Youth Ministry. The earlier our children incorporate service to others in their lives, the stronger spirit of service they will hold in their hearts.

On Friday, November 10th, middle school students from all three of our United Church of Christ's in Elmhurst, will come together to serve.

We are meeting at St. Peter's United Church of Christ at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and then carpooling to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg, IL. Adult chaperone/drivers are needed.

Who: Middle Schoolers and Friends

What: Meet at St. Peter's UCC for pizza and fun. From there we are driving together to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg to pack meals for kids in need.

Where: St. Peter's United Church of Christ
125 West Church St.
Elmhurst, IL

When: Friday, November 10

Time: 5:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Parents, it is our hope that you will incorporate this amazing service opportunity to your family calendar and encourage your middle school youth. Thank you.

Permission forms for this outing can be found in the foyer on the welcoming table.

Confirmation Start Up



Now that everyone is back to school and adjusted, our Confirmation program begins. Parents and youth in 7th grade are invited to meet to discuss the Confirmation journey. A special meeting/luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 19th from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm in our Youth Room. At least one parent should accompany their student. Together we will go over the different components of the program and schedule. Please mark your family calendars and plan on being present. Thank you, Martha



As we prepare to welcome the Advent Season, volunteers are needed for decorating the sanctuary, foyer, and parlor.

Immediately after worship on Sunday, November 19, all are invited to help the deacons decorate our church. Lunch will be provided. Please check your calendars and lend a helping hand.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. The Diaconate.

New Items in the Little Shop in the Parlor

We are now offering Whole Bean Columbian Coffee for those who like to grind their own. There have been requests for this product so I hope you like it. Also new, Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch bars, similar to our most popular dark chocolate bar.

Free information sheet regarding the proper storage of coffee.

Stop in before or after worship.

Thank you for your continued support for this Fair Trade Mission.
Carolee



Children's Sunday School Ministry

Thank you for being a part of worship this morning. We joyously strive to educate, guide, and nurture children so they can grow in their faith.

Our nursery opens at 9:45 a.m. A care provider/teacher is present to watch and interact with your little ones from infancy to preschool.

Parents are welcome to stay in the nursery and hear the service through the sound system and/or pop in and visit their little ones at any time to see how they are doing. The nursery is very accessible, down the main hallway from the sanctuary.

**Children can begin their morning in the sanctuary.
After the Children's Message in the service, you have the
option for your child/ren to attend Sunday School.**

Our Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Classroom

This classroom is across from the nursery on the main level. Through stories, interactive art, and games children learn from the sacred stories of the Bible.

4th Grade through 7th Grade Students

These students meet in our youth room on the upper level. Together kids explore and discuss the powerful lessons passed down to them from the Bible. In this age appropriate setting, kids learn and reflect on how to apply what they are learning in their everyday life.

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Special Musical Guests

Dave Benziger, guitar
Meg McGarry, vocal soloist