

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**13 AUGUST 2017**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The Apostle Paul (Romans 15:13)

\*Please stand in body or spirit. Please silence cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

*Dear Lord*  
Julian Chin, piano

John Coltrane

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red pew pad.

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship, O God, help us let go . . .

**Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.**

As we gather for worship, O God, help us let go . . .

**Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.**

As we gather for worship, O God, help us let go . . .

**Of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.**

As we gather for worship, O God, help us pick up . . .

**The gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.**

As we gather for worship, O God, help us pick up . . .

**The gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.**

As we gather for worship O God, help us say together,

**We are here. We are not alone. You ARE with us. Amen.**

*Rev. Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo, Transitional Presbyter, Albany Presbytery, New York*

\* HYMN 212

*Within Your Shelter, Loving God*

ABBEY

blue hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy,

You create a new order for our lives:

Service before success, Faith before knowledge,

Partnership over independence, The cross over the crown.

Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world,

Rejecting your call through our action or inaction.  
Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world through the lens of your great love.  
Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God forgives us of our sins,  
**Not because we are righteous, but because God is good.**  
God calls us to try again,  
**Not because we are strong, but because God will help us.**  
God calls us as disciples,  
**Not because we are worthy, but because we are loved.**  
God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,  
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.  
Through the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Rev. Anna George Traynham, Associate Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

### TIME FOR SHARING

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*A Broken Heart*

Luke Mayernik

A musical score for the song 'A Broken Heart' by Luke Mayernik. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'A bro - ken heart, a hum - bled heart, O God, you will not for - sake. A bro - ken heart you will hold.'

## CELEBRATING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION OF SARA KRISSINGER

### INTRODUCTION AND QUESTIONS OF SARA KRISSINGER

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess with the church in all times and all places  
and affirm our faith in the Triune God.

Do you believe in God?

**Yes, I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

#### \*ANOINTING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

**We celebrate this public affirmation of your faith. We have watched you grow, shown you the ways of faith through study and example. We have learned from you as you asked questions, dreamed dreams and told your stories of faith. We are proud of you as you take this important step into full membership. And now we promise to partner with you as disciples of Christ and members of First United Church. May God bless us as we witness together the good news of our risen Savior.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN 354

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

blue hymnal

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord, you take delight in us and fill us with every good thing  
so that all who hunger may share in our joy.**

**Receive what we offer as testimony to your goodness,**

**and let these gifts lead to rejoicing in your church and all your world;**

**in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Rev. Nathan Williams, Echo Hill Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA*

**OFFERTORY**

*An Echo of the Voice of God*

Sally Ann Morris

Elaine Pierce, Martina Reese, Keith Murphy, Bill Chin, singers; Julian Chin, piano

This cry, this groan, this psalm pouring out, an echo of the voice of God.

This chant, this hum, this song rising up, an echo of the voice of God.

This hush, this rest, this prayer, soft and still, an echo of the voice of God.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

**\*HYMN 247**

*I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart*

HERR JESU CHRIST

blue hymnal

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Let It Breathe on Me*



Let it breathe on me, — let it breathe on me, — let the breath of the



Spi - rit breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, — let it



breathe on me, — let the breath of God now breathe on me.

**SENDING MUSIC**

*The Promise*

John Coltrane

Julian Chin, piano

# TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

**THANK YOU** to today's guest pianist Julian Chin for sharing his musical talents!



**PLEASE RECYCLE** your bulletin in one of the bins near the Sanctuary exits.

**JOIN THE DEACONS** for prayer and anointing in the chapel following Worship.

**HEARING AMPLIFICATION DEVICES--INCLUDING T-COIL CABLES, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, BIBLES AND HYMNALS** are available for use during worship. Please talk to a greeter to obtain these items and return the amplification device to the greeter. Large print bibles and hymnals should be returned to the table behind the middle pews.

## EVENTS AND UPDATES

### **NEXT SUNDAY -- BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Students of all ages: Bring your backpacks next week! Receive a special blessing and a special reminder of that blessing to hang on your backpack.

### **STORYTELLING WORKSHOP -- AUGUST 19**

Saturday, August 19, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Lower Narthex. Lunch will be provided. For more info on this creative and fun day, contact Lydia Mulkey, [lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com).

### **BOUNDARY TRAINING – AUGUST 19**

The first of three options for boundary training will take place on Saturday, August 19, from 1-3:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This is mandatory for all who work with children and youth in our congregation.

### **BOUNDARY TRAINING – TAKE TWO: -- AUGUST 26**

The second of three options for boundary training will take place on Saturday, August 26, from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This is mandatory for all who work with children and youth in our congregation.

### **ORIENTATION FOR ALL CHURCH SCHOOL LEADERS – AUGUST 26**

Orientation for all Church School Leaders will take place Saturday, August 26, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

# Moving from

*words to witness*  
in our relationship with God,

*individualism to intimate*  
fellowship in our relationship with other members of the church community,

*charity to changing*  
structures in our relationship with the world.

**WELCOME-** We're glad you joined us for worship. Learn about First United:

- Visit the welcome desk in the lounge or the visitor table in the narthex to receive more information about the church and a gift to take home with you.
- Sign the registration pad when it's passed. Include your email to receive our weekly e-news and devotional!
- Speak with any greeter or minister or join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Contact Britt Cox at 708.386.5215 or [bcox@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:bcox@firstunitedoakpark.com) for information about Newcomers Gatherings and any additional questions.

**ABOUT US** - We are a union church of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ. We seek to be an inclusive expression of Christ's body celebrating our diversity while finding our unity in Christ. We are a More Light/Open and Affirming congregation, committed to full inclusion of GLBTQ people in membership & ministry.

**ABOUT WORSHIP** - Worship is our time to praise and grow closer to God. Worship each week includes song, prayer, learning, silence and giving. If you have any questions about what we do, please ask a minister or a member.

**WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN** - We welcome all children to participate fully in worship. Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary. We offer safe, quality childcare and quiet play for children five and under in our nursery (just off the lounge). Accompanied by a parent, these children may leave after Time for Sharing.

**RESTROOMS & WiFi** - Accessible restrooms are located off the church lounge. Free Wireless Internet is available in all areas except the Sanctuary. Network: 'FirstGuest', password: 'FirstUnited'.

**GIVING** - Offering envelopes are in the pew racks. You can also give one time or recurring gifts online at [www.firstunitedoakpark.com/giving](http://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/giving).



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

10:00 am Summer Worship

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

10:00 am Homelessness Coalition Mtg

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

7:00 pm Building and Grounds Meeting

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**

10:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

7:00 pm Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

5:00 pm Food Pantry Distribution

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

6:30 pm Early Childhood Prof. Development

7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer Orientation

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 16 Eagle Court

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18**

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution

9:30 am Storytelling Workshop

1:00 pm Boundary Training

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

10:00 am Summer Worship

3:00 pm Roger Burgess Memorial Service

6:00 pm PADS Summer Housing

**CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM****708-386-5215**

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