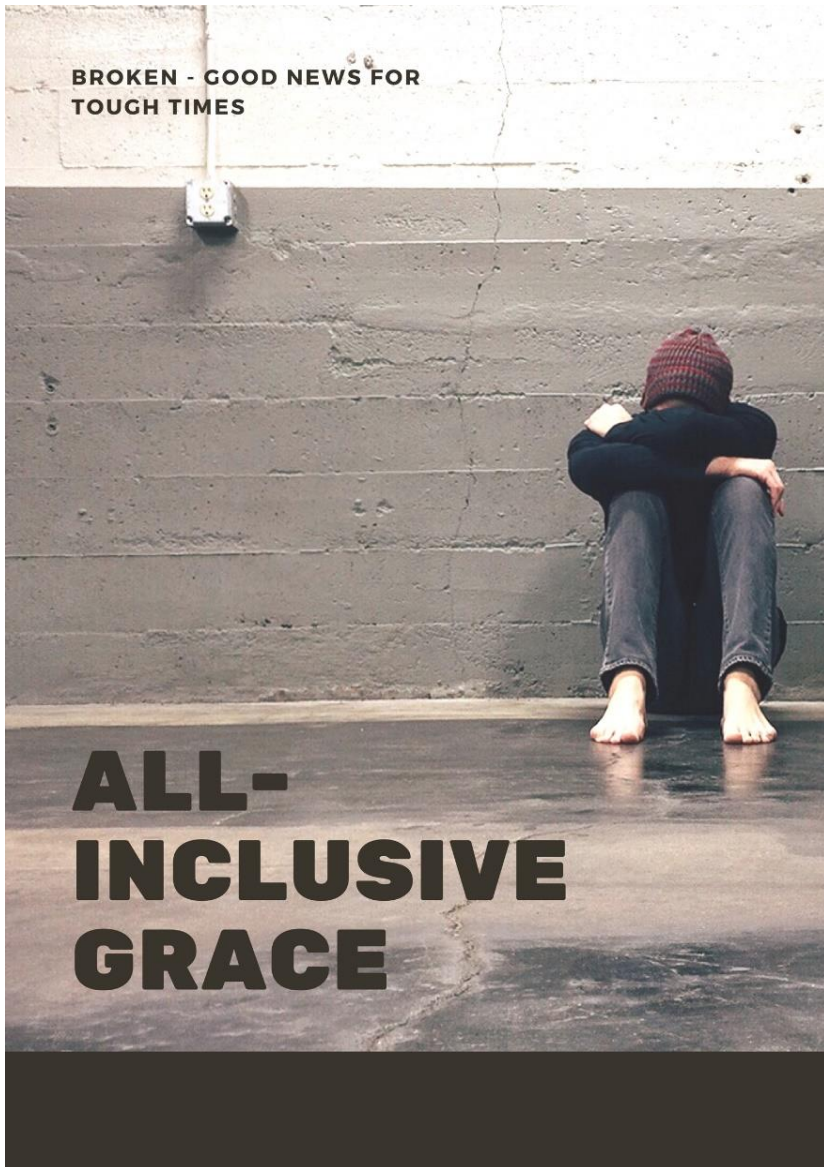


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
6 AUGUST 2017



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Belonging- noun- be-long-ing: close or intimate relationship; a sense of *belonging*.”
-Merriam Webster Dictionary

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude from Suite No. 2

J.S. Bach
Jane Larson, viola

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red connections pad.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

by Ian W. Riddell
Thomas Reading

Come hoof and trunk and tail and horn and paw and wing and claw;
Come bird and reptile, mammal born all full of nature’s law.
Bring bark and crow and ribbit, too and silent stare and hiss;
Bring purr and trill and warble, too and voice no ear can miss.
We gather here each life and all to celebrate and sing
to honor creatures large and small
’Tis holiness we bring.

* HYMN

All of Us Belong

All of us belong
Each and every one
All of us belong
In this sacred circle

We have wings and paws and
tails and toes and
instincts and souls

CALL TO PRAYER

Ally Vertigan

Look up and breathe in the expansiveness of creation. How wide God's grace and mercy must be. Spend time in silence now, reflecting on times when you have tried to limit God's grace to only certain people or certain places...

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

God's grace extends beyond your wildest imagination, reaching places you never dreamed, even your very own soul. Whatever limitations you have placed on God's grace are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

***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

Repeat after the Leader sings

A broken heart, a hum - bled
heart, O God, you will not for - sake.
A bro - ken heart you will hold.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, which includes a change in time signature to 3/4 and then back to 4/4.

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READING

Romans 9:1-5 (NT p. 159)

SERMON

Broken—Good News for Tough Times
All-Inclusive Grace

Lydia Mulkey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 316**

We Limit Not the Truth of God

OLD 22nd

black hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JoJo Desir

Offerings are a sacred act of worship. We invite you to use the green giving cards in the pew rack to celebrate what you've already given or to make an additional donation.

OFFERTORY

Sarabande from Suite No. 3

J.S. Bach
Jane Larson, viola

*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.**

INVITATION TO THE ALL- INCLUSIVE TABLE

Lydia Mulkey

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mitch Reading

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise. God has extended an invitation to us, even in our brokenness, to receive God's grace. Into our brokenness came the memory of wholeness, into our fear came the messenger of love, Christ among us,

one with us,

child of heaven,

son of womankind,

bearer of forgiveness,

healer of our hurts,

teacher of wisdom,

prophet of peace,

rejected by the religious,

crucified by the state,

companion of our soul,

lover of all creation.

PRAYERS FOR CREATION

Michael Reading

Holy God, at this table where we are brought into full communion with one another and with you, we pray for the harmony of all creation. We come forward with our creatures today to receive your blessing. We remember that we were invited to work with all of creation to bring about your kin-dom. So today we say,

Blessed are the animals who live with us and teach us to care. Blessed are the mammals and the reptiles and the birds who teach us we are all connected in one web of life. Blessed are all living things from whom we learn to give glory to our Creator.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lydia Mulkey

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE GIFTS AND BLESSING THE ANIMALS

If you brought a pet or a symbol of your pet, please stop at one of the blessing stations as you leave the communion table. Please state your name(s) and your pet's name(s) before receiving the blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Reading

We have feasted at your table and we offer our thanks, praying as you taught us...

Our Mother and 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

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir

Chorus: All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires,
And some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now.

1: Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo. **Chorus**

2: The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls. **Chorus**

3: Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melodies with the high notes ringing,
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees. **Chorus**

4: Singin' in the night time, singing in the day,
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way.
The 'possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself. **Chorus**

5: It's a simple song of living sung everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly gear,
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove. **Chorus**

*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

Minuet I & II from Suite No. 2

J.S. Bach; Jane Larson, viola

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THANKS TO JANE LARSON FOR TODAY'S GATHERING, SENDING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC. Jane is a sophomore at Oberlin College and a viola performance major. A native of Oak Park, she was active in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra as principal viola. This summer, she worked as a camp counselor for the Credo Chamber Music Festival which teaches students to Acknowledge the Source, Develop the Gift and Respond with Service. Her service in the Chicago area included visiting nursing homes and homeless shelters, seeing the effect of music to heal and comfort.

THANKS ALSO to Lily Alter, Jane Callahan, Linnea Erickson, Laurie Jolicoeur, Don Sibley, Sara Stevenson and Ally Vertigan for their musical contributions. Linnea is the accompanist for Pro Musica Youth Chorus, one of our resident mission partners, and is filling in today for Mike Surratt, who returns next week.



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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO BLESSED THE ANIMALS: Andrea Alter, Lily Alter, Ally Vertigan

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

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, August 10, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room.

90-PLUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

For all who are 90 years and older: Let's celebrate your 2017 birthdays with friends, family and fellow First United members. There will be plenty of cake, punch, balloons, congratulations and wishes for good health and happiness in the time ahead. Join the celebration immediately following worship on Sunday, August 27.

GODLY PLAY TRAINING - Godly Play Training will take place Saturday August 19th from 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.

BOUNDARY TRAINING - 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.

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 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.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

10:00 am Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

6:00 pm Communications Committee meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 pm Tech Committee meeting

7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting

7:00 pm Newcomers Committee meeting

7:00 pm Transition Team meeting

7:30 pm Faith in Action meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

7:00 pm Implementation Planning meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12****SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

10:00 am Worship

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