

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
15 OCTOBER 2017**



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"Our life is a dance to a song we cannot hear. Its melody courses through us for a little while, then seems to cease. Whence the melody, and whither does it go? In darkness as in light, we turn to You, Lord, the Source of Life, the Answer to all its mysteries."

The New Union Prayer Book

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Fantasy on "Hyfrydol"

Hal H. Hopson

The First United Handbell Ensemble

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the connections pew pad.

Alicia Reese

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
You teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

For you the rulers of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Great is your name.

Great is your love.

* HYMN 376

Love Divine

HYFRYDOL

Blue hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be." May we continue in this spirit of prayer as we join together in our unison prayer of confession. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Galatians 5:22)

Holy God, when you invited us to faith, you planted in us the seeds of your Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We confess that too often these fruits are not yet ripe in our actions with one another. Finish in us your new creation, and bring us to full maturity in Christ, in whose name we pray.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news. If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing shall separate us from the love and forgiveness of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME FOR SHARING

Deborah Kapp

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

Trad. Yoruba

Come, O Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, Come, al - might - y Spir - it,
Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo, Wa wa wa A - lag - ba -

come, ra, Come, — Wa - o come, — wa - o come. — wa - o. —

READING

Psalm 100 (OT p. 552)

Britt Cox

READING

Luke 17: 11-19 (NT p. 80)

SERMON

A Journey Interrupted

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 422

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Blue hymnal

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jane Barker

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Britt Cox

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

The Water Is Wide

Traditional English Melody (O WALY WALY) arr. John Matheny

*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

Lydia Mulkey

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 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Blue hymnal

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Danish Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

SENDING MUSIC

Celebration

Fred Gramann

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

"TALK TO COUNCIL" TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Do you have questions as we begin our interim period? Wondering about the construction work that's started on the building? Asking yourself how the Strategic Plan will affect the 2018 budget? Come "Talk to Council" today after worship in Centennial Hall. Council Moderator Kelly Pollock will be available to answer questions and hear your ideas as we move into this exciting new phase of our life together.

FOURTH GRADE OPEN HOUSE! Come see our new Godly Play room, created by Lura Honderich in fulfillment of her girl scout gold award! Join us in the lower narthex immediately following worship. All are welcome.

UNITED POWER – MEETING FOR WEST COOK COUNTY

Join with our partners in United Power for updates on mental health/criminal justice work, the Do Not Stand Idly By - work against gun violence, and housing progress southwest side of Chicago.

Today, October 15, 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 611 Randolph Street, Oak Park.



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

STEWARDSHIP 2018. If First United is part of your faith journey, make a pledge. Our goal is for \$750,000 in pledges, which is a 15% increase from last year due to new expenses. So far, we have received 33 pledges (20 of which are increased or new) and met \$156,027 of our \$750,000 goal. Mail or drop a pledge card in the collection plate or pledge online by October 29.

PRIME TIME CHILL AND COMFORT PARTY

Reading mysteries, chill in the air, comfort food—all signs of October! Join Prime Timers on October 21 at the Parchems' (438 Augusta in Oak Park) 5-8 p.m. Bring a book to trade, \$5, a dish to share and wine if you wish to imbibe. RSVP to Anna Sadowski at annahsadowski@gmail.com or 708-386-7896.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS, OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 19, 9-10:30 AM

If you have been attending First United Church and have been thinking about making this congregation your church home, you are invited to attend the New Members Class beginning on Oct. 29th. These gatherings are a great way to get to know other newcomers and members alike and find out more about First United Church. *We will meet for four Sundays beginning at 9:00 am.* Those who feel so led will have the opportunity to be welcomed as members of First United Church during worship on Nov. 19th. Children are welcome to join the class or go to church school or the nursery. If you have questions and/or would like to sign up to be part of this class, email Pastor Britt Cox, at bcoc@firstunitedoakpark.com or call the church office.

KIDS KLOSET DONATIONS – Our 8th Grade Church School Class is holding a clothing drive for our Kids Kloset. Bring in donations of like new or new children or youth sized winter clothes and outerwear between now and October 22. Bins will be in the church lounge.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

WE WELCOME THE REV. GORDAN STEWART TO OUR PULPIT. Rev. Stewart is the author of *Be Still! Departure from Collective Madness*, and is a Presbyterian minister and public theologian. His social commentaries on faith and public life have aired on “All Things Considered” (Minnesota Public Radio) and have been published by MinnPost.com, Star Tribune, Presbyterian Outlook, Christian Century, Sojourners "God's Politics: Blogging with Jim Wallace and Friends," and his blog, Views from the Edge (gordoncstewart.com).

Gordon's writing and preaching are informed by campus ministries in Wisconsin, New York, and Ohio (The College of Wooster); directing the Legal Rights Center, a culturally-specific poverty criminal defense and restorative justice law firm “of, by, and for the people” founded by the American Indian Movement; serving Presbyterian churches in Illinois, Ohio, and Minnesota; and membership on the boards of his alma maters and Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

FIRST UNITED FIELD TRIP- MORTON ARBORETUM FALL COLORS WALK

Sunday, Oct. 22, 1p.m.- Members Free, \$14 Adults, \$12 Seniors, \$9 Youth

Head out for a hike after worship in the Morton Arboretum with other members of First United. We will meet in front of the visitor center at 1p.m. For a quick bite to eat and then we will walk among the changing colors of leaves. Sign up at the lounge desk or email Britt Cox (bcoc@firstunitedoakpark.com) so we can know who to expect and if there are any changes to share.

ADVOCATE FOR A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST! Listen to reports from recent travelers to Syria and Israel/Palestine, celebrate 43 years of education and advocacy for a just peace, and consider our future goals with the Middle East Task Force of the Chicago Presbytery. Join us October 22 for a potluck (5:30 p.m.) and Meeting (6:30 p.m.). All are welcome. Contact Pauline Coffman at p.coffman@sbcglobal.net with questions.

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 connections 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, OCTOBER 15

9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal
 9:30 am Education for All
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Talk to Council
 5:00 pm Presbytery Interfaith Dinner
 6:00 pm FUJI/FUSH
 6:00 pm City Voices rehearsal

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:30 pm Pack 16 meeting
 6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting
 7:00 pm Building and Grounds meeting
 7:00 pm Nominating committee meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:00 pm Cooking Matters: Heart Health
 4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus
 6:00 pm FUNS Ice Cream Social
 7:00 pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 am FUNS Board meeting
 11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
 6:30 pm Early Childhood Professional Dev.
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer Orientation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 am Mission Partner meeting
 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring
 7:00 pm City Voices rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

10:00 am Quest to Oriental Institute

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 am Education for All
 11:00 am Worship
 2:30 pm Nancy Masterson Memorial Service
 3:00 pm PFLAG
 3:30 pm CROP Walk Celebration
 5:30 pm Middle East Task Force Potluck
 6:00 pm FUJI/FUSH
 6:00 pm City Voices rehearsal

**CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM
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