

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

8 OCTOBER 2017



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"The witness of God's spirit in [the human] spirit is symbolized by imagination, without which there could be no sense of sin, no repentance and contrition, no tenderness and sympathy, no love and no hope."

- Howard Thurman

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Passacaglia in D minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the connections pew pad.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Berry

Eternal God, we say good morning to you.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, we praise your glory.

Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers.

Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts new light.

Deliver us from all captivity.

Give us wings of freedom like the birds in the sky,

To begin a new journey.

Restore justice and freedom, as a mighty stream

Running continuously as day follows day.

We thank you for the gift of this morning,

And a new day to work with you.

Let us worship God.

HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Blue hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Berry

Trusting in the promises of God's mercy and grace, let us together confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, when we think of ourselves, and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives, we thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior. Grant to us a true sorrow for our sins. Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come, we may live more nearly as we ought, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As far as the east is from the west,

So far God removes our sins from us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME FOR SHARING

BIBLE PRESENTATION

We believe the Bible tells of God's love in Jesus Christ. We believe God continues to speak through scripture to people today. We believe that God's word is central to our life as we grow in Christian faith. Because we so believe, we want all God's children to have a Bible, and to read and study it.

Third graders, as you accept your Bible, are you willing to study it, to learn from God's people who lived long ago, and to learn from the story of Jesus' life found in this book?

Third Graders: Yes, we will study and learn from our Bibles.

Parents, God has given you primary responsibility for the religious education of your children. Will you read and study the Bible with your children, help them relate these stories to their lives, and share your faith with them?

Parents: Yes, we will read and study the Bible with our children.

Members of First United, when a child is baptized, we promise to live in a way that enables them to grow among us in the knowledge and love of God. We also promise to support parents in their efforts to guide their children in the way of the gospel and to faithful service in Christ's church. Are you willing to renew this promise to the children and parents standing before you?

Congregation: Yes, we renew our promise to support these families.

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

Mark 1: 16-20 (NT p. 35)

Bob Berry

READING

Hebrews 12: 1-4 (NT p. 226)

SERMON

Loops and Zigzags

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 497**

Guide My Feet

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Black hymnal

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Cate Reading

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

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*Come and Follow Me*

Tom Franzak

Come, be my light, be my voice to the nations, Be my hands, be my heart for the world.
Would you go where I go? Where I lead, will you follow? Would you leave everything for my sake?
By the power of the Spirit, everyone with ears to hear it will embrace the call to love within their heart.
If anyone would come and follow me, my disciple you would be.
Leave the past behind, seek and you will find all you're called to be.
If anyone would come and follow me, know the truth will make you free.
Give and you receive. Trust me and believe. Come and follow me.

Go, take your gift to the poor and the lonely. As you love, so will I live in you.
Will you feed my lambs? share your hope with the hopeless? Bring new sight to the blind in my name?
With a towel and a basin, toward the kingdom we will hasten, through the narrow gate that leads to Calvary.

If anyone would come and follow me...

***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

Bob Berry and Deborah Kapp

**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 361***How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Danish Amen

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

SENDING MUSIC

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

OPEN CONVERSATION WITH DEBORAH, today after church in the sanctuary. Everybody's welcome to come and talk with our new Interim Lead Pastor about her work, the pace and schedule of the transitional time, what she just said in the sermon, or other questions/issues that may be on your mind. We will do this from time to time, so if you are not able to make this conversation, maybe you can come to the next one.

CONFECTIONS AND COMMUNITY!

Join us today for Second Sunday Sundaes! After worship on the second Sunday of each month, join us in the Lounge for a sundae bar—complete with ice cream, sprinkles and chocolate syrup. Build fellowship and feed your sweet tooth. Hosted by the Seventh Grade church school class.

TODAY'S CALL TO WORSHIP is adapted from a prayer by Masao Takenaka. It is used with permission from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, week 16, www.oikoumene.org. The Prayer of Confession is adapted with permission from The Worship Sourcebook.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to Bob Berry for worship leadership this morning.

TODAY, FIRST UNITED PRESENTS BIBLES to our Third Graders so that they have the chance to enter this holy library, a chance to make the Bible stories their stories. After church, please greet these Third Graders and their leaders.

Third Grade Class:

Emmett Charles Foster-Simbulan (Child of Kim Foster and Daisy Simbulan)

Paige Soledad Foster-Simbulan (Child of Kim Foster and Daisy Simbulan)

Eva Sordilla (Child of Linda and Frank Sordilla)

Margo Ruby Von Hoff (Child of Carrie and Erich Von Hoff)

Hank Hickok-Fletcher (Child of Robert Hickok and Brian Fletcher)

Amaechi J Enyia (Child of Mandy and Chibuike Enyia)

Nicholas Emerson Zobel (Child of Becki and Doug Zobel)

Mitchel Kahlow (Child of David Kahlow and Julie O'Keefe)

Ellie Potter (Child of David and Gilda Potter)

AJ Stierwalt (Child of Karen and Chris Stierwalt)

3rd Grade Church School Leaders:

Harriet Hawkins, Brian Fletcher, Paul Raducha, Sophia Sordilla



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 you think First United can help you learn to love your neighbor, make a pledge. Our 2018 goal is \$750,000. If you think First United can help you learn to love your neighbor, make a pledge. Mail or drop a pledge card in the collection plate or pledge online by October 29.

CELEBRATE MEMBER BARBARA BALLINGER TODAY AT THE LIBRARY!

Award-winning poet, translator and essayist Jane Hirshfield is the presenter of the 2017 Barbara Ballinger Lecture this Sunday, October 8, at the Oak Park Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, this event recognizes Barbara Ballinger, who served the Library for 32 years, including 24 years as the former head librarian. Hirshfield's poetry speaks to the center issues of human existence--desire and loss, impermanence and beauty, our connection with others including creatures and objects with which we share our lives.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

FOURTH GRADE OPEN HOUSE!

Come see the beautiful Godly Play classroom, renovated by member Lura Honderich. Lura chose our fourth grade classroom as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Come to the lower narthex for snacks, to learn about the space, and to congratulate Lura on all her hard work!

"TALK TO COUNCIL" ON OCTOBER 15

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" on October 15 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.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! NEW REFORMATION DOCUMENTARY!

Thursday, October 12, in Centennial Hall. Join Evening Division for a delicious dinner and David Suchet's documentary REFORMATION: This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation. Dinner (catered by New Rose Catering): 5:45 p.m.; \$15 donation. Movie begins at 6:45 p.m. and is free. Call Chris Davis for dinner reservations: 708-383-5632.

PRIME TIME CHILL AND COMFORT PARTY

Reading mysteries, chill in the air, comfort food—all signs of October! Join PrimeTimers 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.

CANADIAN CHAMBER CHOIR

DR. JULIA DAVIDS // ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
DR. JOEL TRANQUILLA // ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR

WITH SPECIAL GUEST:
SARAIN CARSON-FOX // DANCER

SEASONS OF LIFE & LANDSCAPE

A CELEBRATION OF
CANADIAN MUSIC



3:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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 CANADA 150

 MUSIC
AT
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 First United Church
of Oak Park

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION

\$25 INCLUDING WORKSHOP TICKET – WORKSHOP BEGINS AT 10 A.M.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BILL CHIN AT 708-386-5215, EXT. 108.

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 8

9:30 am Education for All
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Conversation with Deborah
 12:00 pm Second Sunday Sundaes
 6:00 pm FUJI
 6:00 pm City Voices rehearsal

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 pm Pack 16 meeting
 7:00 pm Worship, Music and Arts mtg.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:00 pm Cooking Matters: Heart Health
 4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus
 6:00 pm FUNS Ice Cream Social
 6:30 pm Technology committee meeting
 7:00 pm Finance committee meeting
 7:00 pm Youth committee meeting
 7:00 pm Newcomers committee meeting
 7:30 pm Faith in Action committee meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
 6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:45 pm Evening Division: The Reformation
 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00 pm Troop 16 meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00 am Canadian Chamber Choir Workshop
 3:00 pm Canadian Chamber Choir Concert
 3:30 pm Nursery School Ice Cream Social

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

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

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