

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
19 NOVEMBER 2017



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
—Augustine of Hippo

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

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| GATHERING MUSIC | <i>Variations on Now Let Us All Praise God</i> | Vincent Lübeck |
| OUR LIFE TOGETHER | Please sign and pass the connection pew pad. | Lydia Mulkey |
| *HYMN 457 Blue hymnal | <i>I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art</i> (verses 1-3) | TOULON |

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are our hope, our life, our trust, our redeemer. In your presence we remember how often we fall short of your hopes for us. Awaken us to genuine repentance. Restore our souls, broken by sin and selfishness. Refashion our fractured communities. Grant to us the grace and wholeness we find in you, that we might practice our faith with integrity, courage and justice.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (sung, in unison)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (verses 4-5)

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

TRADITIONAL YORUBA TUNE

Musical notation for the song 'Come, O Holy Spirit, Come'. The score is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The melody is in a major key. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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. —

THE CONGREGATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Britt Cox

PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We welcome you into this community and promise to journey together with you in faith. We offer ourselves as siblings in Christ, committing ourselves to care for one another. We offer ourselves as partners in ministry and mission, working to further God's work everywhere. We offer ourselves as companions, joining each other as the Body of Christ, growing together in Christian faith and practice. By God's grace, we share this covenant in the name of Jesus Christ who calls us to gather in God's name.

*METRICAL PSALM: HYMN 170

The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

Blue hymnal

SERMON

Thou Preparest a Table

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

LEAVING A LEGACY

Dan Pietrini

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

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin

***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.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Deborah Kapp

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Britt Cox

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 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May God bless us;
may God keep us in the Spirit's care, and lead our lives with love.
May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts
and Christ's own peace prevail through this and every day,
'til greater life shall call. Amen.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Danish Amen

Amen, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for a benediction response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in 4/4 time and have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, starting with a G4 quarter note, followed by a series of chords and a final G4 quarter note. The bass line is written in the bass clef, starting with a G2 quarter note, followed by a series of chords and a final G2 quarter note. The lyrics 'Amen, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the first 'Amen' aligned with the first measure and the subsequent 'a - men' aligned with the second and third measures respectively.

SENDING MUSIC

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS STORE IS BACK— GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING!

The Alternative Christmas Store Pre-Sale is today in the Lounge. Free trade food items including pecans, coffee, chocolate and soups are available. Don't forget the olive oil! Support our mission partners while you stock up for Thanksgiving. Don't forget hostess gifts. The full store opens next week for four Sundays from 10-11 a.m. and 12-12:30 p.m. Rethink your shopping. Rethink your Advent.

QUILT BLESSING. Today we are blessing the quilts you see on display in the sanctuary. They were made by the First United Quilt Group for the children who live in residence at Hephzibah House. Over 100 years old, Hephzibah House is an Oak Park institution that serves the needs of children. One of its many programs is The Residence, through which it welcomes children who have been removed from their homes due to trauma or family disintegration. Often, children arrive at Hephzibah House feeling lost, scared and with no personal belongings. We made these quilts with the hope that the children will carry their own quilt of warmth and comfort with them when they leave Hephzibah for a new placement, to return home or to move to their forever home. This is the first group of quilts we will make until every child at Hephzibah can know the comfort of owning his or her own quilt.

The members of the Quilt Group are Sue Balter, Anita Callahan, Connie Henderson Damon, Bill Kerr, Teri Omert, Kathy Pederson, Weeks Ringle, Gretchen Savoy, Don Sibley, Priscilla Sibley, Katharine Thurman, Pam Wiese, Irene Worley and Jackie Zdziarski-West. All are welcome.

TOGETHER FOR GOOD. MULTI-FAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, presented by Community of Congregations. Tonight at 7 p.m., Unity Temple (875 Lake Street, Oak Park). Beneficiaries include the Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program and the Hispanic Federation's "Unidos," a hurricane relief fund for Puerto Rico.



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

THE KID'S KLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP! Since we opened one month ago, the winter jackets have flown out the door. Our supply of jackets, sized three-month to 18 youth, is extremely low. If you have any jackets to donate, please drop them off at church. Questions? Susan Zaruba, susanzaruba@gmail.com

SUNDAYS DURING ADVENT: DONUTS WITH THE DEACONS

Spend time getting to know First United's Deacons—a group of people committed to the prayer and care of the congregation, including you! Grab a donut in the Lounge before worship, find out who your deacon is and fellowship for as long as you'd like!

DINNER AND A MOVIE, FRIDAY DECEMBER 1: "JOYEUX NOEL." As French, Scottish and German soldiers prepare to open their presents on Christmas Eve 1914, a momentous event occurs that changes the destinies of four people: an Anglican priest, a French lieutenant, a world-class tenor and his soprano lover. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 (free). Call Nancy Pennington 708-386-9195.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE MIDPOINT GROUP at our annual Christmas party and white elephant exchange! Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. at Jane Barker and Melinda Haag's house: 7426 Iowa in River Forest. Bring a silly gift for the exchange and feel free to wear your best or worst Christmas sweater. As usual please bring your favorite wine/beer to share, along with an appetizer or dessert. Bring a friend, too! Contact barbarametric@comcast.net with any questions.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanks! - Psalm 107

CAROLING FOR OPEN BETHLEHEM. Join friends and neighbors to sing carols for peace and justice on Saturday, December 2. Rehearse in the warm Chapel at 10:30 a.m., then bundle up at 11:15 and progress to the village's annual Cookie Walk on Marion Street, where we'll share musical cheer and information about the economic and political circumstances Palestinians face in contemporary Bethlehem. Information: Martina Reese, martha@martinreese.com

LEAVING A LEGACY. Please consider making a legacy gift to First United through your will or by designating the church as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance or pension plan. When you make such a gift, please let the church know. We want to thank you and add you to our list of Kindred Spirits. Questions? Contact Gene or Ann Armstrong (geneann1113@yahoo.com or 708-657-4484) or any of the pastors.

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, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 am Education for All
 10:00 am Alternative Christmas Store Pre-Sale
 11:00 am Worship
 4:30 pm Troop 16 Leader meeting
 6:00 pm FUJI/FUSH
 6:00 pm City Voices rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 pm Pack 16 Meeting
 6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting
 7:00 pm Building and Grounds meeting
 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee meeting
 7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting
 7:00 pm White Privilege: Let's Talk

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus
 7:00 pm Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Youth Committee meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

9:30 am Education for All
 10:00 am Alternative Christmas Store Pre-Sale
 11:00 am Worship
 3:00 pm PFLAG
 6:00 pm FUJI/FUSH

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

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