

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**1 APRIL 2018**  
**EASTER SUNDAY, 11 AM**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Believing in the resurrection is not a matter of mental effort. Such belief does not dwell in the space between our ears. That belief becomes life in our very bones.

- Eric Barreto

\*Please stand if you are able. Please silence cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

*Canzona per sonare No. 4*

Giovanni Gabrieli

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red pew pad.

Deborah Kapp

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 1-11, NT p. 90

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers!**

**Sing, choirs of angels!**

**Jesus Christ is risen!**

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

Radiant in the brightness of this day.

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes forever!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers!**

**Sing, choirs of angels!**

**Jesus Christ is risen!**

Rejoice, O church! Exult in glory!

The risen savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,

Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

**Rejoice, heavenly powers!**

**Sing, choirs of angels!**

**Jesus Christ is risen!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

blue hymnal

## EASTER PRAYER

Britt Cox

Glorious Lord of life, by the power of the resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death, to make all things new in him. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

This is the good news – the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news – once we were no people, now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain

Al - lel - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name.

Verse

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Je - sus has died and has ri - sen.

D.C.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15, selected verses, NT p. 176

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Fake News?

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 118

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Britt Cox

OFFERTORY

*O Spirit, All-Embracing*

Gustav Holst  
arr. Richard Proulx

O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise, unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies: unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward; surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford. Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death; come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us with your breath.

O beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face, you show yourself amazing in unexpected place. We see you and remember what once our dreams had been; you fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within. Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you; undying flame tenacious, burn in your Church anew.

Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart, and give your servants lowly an understanding heart to know you more clearly when faith and love are tried, to seek you when false ideals have died: for vision implore you, for wisdom's pure delight; in prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

—Delores Dufner, OSB

\*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNSERFREUEN

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

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

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE JOYFUL FEAST, THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

INVITATION

Alicia Reese

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**We have come from east and west, and from north and south  
to sit at table in God's presence.**

This is the Lord's table, and our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Britt Cox

With confidence in God's presence, and in the company of God's children, gathered here from east and west, from north and south, let us pray for one another. . .

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lydia Mulkey

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young,  
you made life in all its beauty; you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

*(the congregation sings)*

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,  
a newborn child crying in a manger announced that you had come among us,  
that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends,

you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: You shouldered and suffered the cross.

Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard

and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen,

that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and executed you.

Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

This morning, in the multicolored company of your church on earth and in heaven,

we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection,

your interest in us, and your redemption of all creation.

Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Deborah Kapp

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Alicia Reese

It is here at this table, Resurrecting God, that we are fed by your love. As you pour out your spirit upon this bread and cup,

**Fill us with the spirit of Jesus, so that we may go forth to be your people.**

Feed us with the bread of heaven,

**So we can fill the hunger of the world.**

Touch our lips with salvation's cup,

So we can proclaim the good news of this day to everyone we meet.

And when the morning comes when we are united with all the saints, gathered around heaven's table, we will lift our voices to you.

God in community, Holy in One, forever and ever. Amen.

## SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Today we serve communion by intinction. Beginning from the middle pews, we invite everyone to move to the front or back as the servers direct you. As you reach the servers, take a piece of bread and dip in the cup. Gluten free bread is available with the servers at the baptismal font.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deborah Kapp

God of our salvation, you have restored us to life. You have brought us back again into your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ. Continue to heal us as we go to live and work in the power of your Spirit, to your praise and glory. We pray in your name, and with the words you taught us:

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 113

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

LLANFAIR

blue hymnal

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le -

lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

### SENDING MUSIC

*Toccata from Symphony V*

Charles Marie Widor

# EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

From Gayle Jessen, in loving memory of her parents, Lou and Helen Jessen.

From David Hanson in loving memory of Nancy Hanson.

## TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

**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.
- Sign the pew 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 x105 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.

**HEARING AMPLIFICATION DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, BIBLES AND HYMNALS** are available for use during worship. Please talk to a greeter to obtain these items.

**WE THANK OUR MUSICIANS THIS EASTER SUNDAY:** The Sanctuary Choir; Michael Surratt, organist; and guests Sarah Harris and Rohan Zhou-Lee, trumpet; Jennifer Murtoff, horn; Emma Rachel Blau, trombone; and Kevin Zhang, tuba.

**HOSPITALITY IN WORSHIP:** It takes many hands and hearts to make our worship pleasing in the sight of God. We are grateful to our worship and music leaders and also to the folks who minister in the background in other profoundly important ways. This week we thank Greeters Rose Buckner, Clara Kearley, Debby Prieser, and Dale Sorenson; Lead Usher Bonnie Mize; Sanctuary and Art Guild members Jane Barker, Joanne Despotes, Ted Despotes, Stu Gillette, Emory Mead, James Morrison, Cindy Palombi, Anne Paluck, Ron Paluck, Steve Pederson, Karin Pietrini, Nina Roher, Linda Sandman, Sara Stevenson, Ally Vertigan, Rich Wheelock and John Zaruba and the Church School Acolytes. If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries might be a fit for you, please contact Joanne Despotes at [jdespotes@gmail.com](mailto:jdespotes@gmail.com) or 708-209-1377.



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

**PLEASE NOTE** that the First United building will be closed tomorrow, April 2.

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