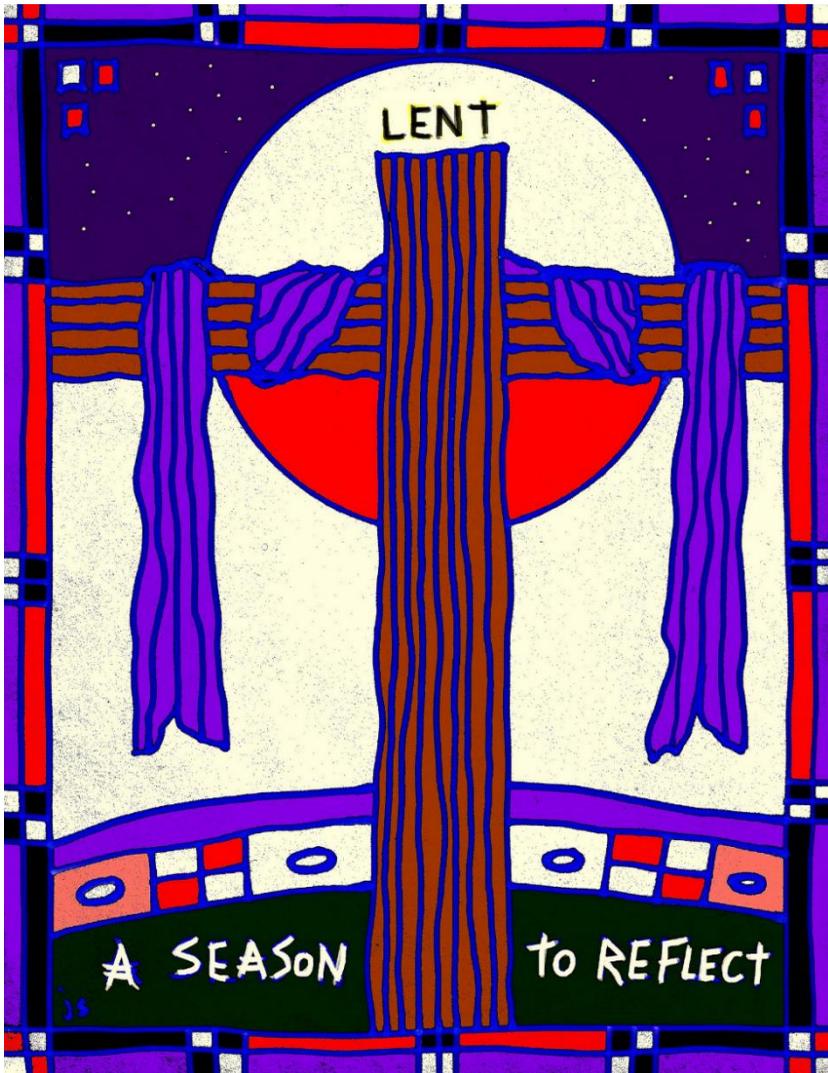


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
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LENT FIVE



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Can people hide themselves in secret places so I might not see them?

Don't I fill heaven and earth?

-Jeremiah 23:24

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

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Before Your Throne I Now Appear</i>	J. S. Bach
OUR LIFE TOGETHER	Please sign and pass the connections pew pad.	Deborah Kapp
INTROIT AND KYRIE	<i>Requiem, Op. 48</i>	G. Fauré

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:10-18

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

* HYMN 207

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

black hymnal

CONFESSION	O Domine Jesus Christe, Rex gloriae Pie Jesu	from <i>Requiem, Op. 48</i> from <i>Requiem, Op.48</i>
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SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Agnus Dei	from <i>Requiem, Op. 48</i>
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READING	Jeremiah 31:31-34, OT p. 735	Alicia Reese
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*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

THE CONGREGATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS

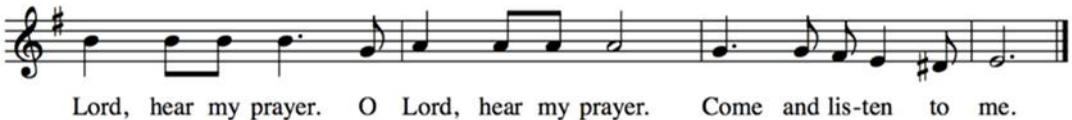
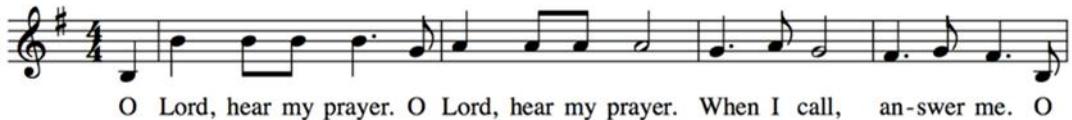
CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

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.

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TAIZÉ



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READING

John 12:20-28, NT p. 106

REFLECTION

Changing the Light

Lydia Mulkey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 101**
blue hymnal

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

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

Sanctus

from *Requiem*, Op. 48

***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.

LIBERA ME

Requiem, Op. 48

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

***HYMN**

Jesus, Remember Me

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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Lydia Mulkey

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In Paradisum

from *Requiem*, op. 48

Please be seated until the conclusion of the *Requiem*.

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN CANTATA is the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924). First performed 130 years ago, in 1888, at the Madeleine in Paris where he served as choirmaster, Fauré wrote a requiem that (in his own words) views death "as a joyful deliverance, an aspiration towards a happiness beyond the grave, rather than as a painful experience." It is in this spirit that we include the Requiem in our Lenten observance. We present it today in its original chamber ensemble setting, with thanks to a combination of First United musicians and friends from outside our congregation: The Sanctuary Choir, with members of City Voices; Martina Reese, soprano; Daniel Eifert, baritone; Ricardo Castaneda, violin; Amanda Grimm and Sara Morrow, viola; Alexa Muhly and Julie O'Shea, cello; Matt Burri, bass; Melinda Robinson and Jennifer Murtoff, french horn; Rowan Zdziarski-West, harp; and Michael Surratt, organ.

CONVERSATIONS RECAP – Join Deborah Kapp following worship today, in the sanctuary, to hear a summary of the conversations we held on February 11 and 18. Any interested persons are encouraged to attend.

THIS SUNDAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Carole Ferguson and family in loving memory of Thomas D. Ferguson.



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.

HOSPITALITY IN WORSHIP – HELP WANTED! 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 to the folks who minister in the background in other important ways. This week we thank Sanctuary Guild members James Morrison, Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; Lead Usher Nell Lurain; Greeters Marsha Hubbuch, Vicky Lekovish, Bonnie Mize and Jim Wisuri, and the Church School Acolytes. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries would be a fit for you, please contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK is Open - If you have technology troubles, stop by the technology help desk in the lounge before or after worship

NOMINATING COMMITTEE INPUT - If you are thinking about how you might contribute to our life together, the "Nominations" card in the pew racks lists many ways. Several committees are listed. And, if you would consider serving as an officer or serving on a Pastor Nominating Committee, you can also indicate that on the card. (Self-nomination doesn't mean that you can be certain you will be invited to join a committee, but your input is a very important first step.) Please think carefully and prayerfully about yourself, and about other members of the congregation. You can put the completed card in the offering plate when it is passed, or in the Nominating Committee mailbox. Blank cards are also available at the Elder's Desk in the Lounge.

MORE PADS GUESTS THAN EVER – WILL YOU HELP? Each Sunday from April 8 to May 13, PADS will have a new site for 20 guests located at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 545 South East Ave, OP. Volunteer opportunities include meal providers, evening and overnight shift teams, and laundry pickup and delivery. Contact Tonisha Daniel, tdaniel@housingforward.org or 708.338.1724 ext. 220 to attend a Shelter Training on March 3, March 15, or March 31. Find more information at www.housingforward.org/get-involved.

35TH ANNUAL HUNGER WALKATHON WEST recruiting begins today. For 35 years, First United has been an important part of the local CROP Hunger Walk by contributing planning team members, walkers and meeting and storage space. In those years, the walk has raised more than 1.4 million dollars to help hungry people locally and around the world. The 2017 Walk raised more than \$80,000 and \$20,000 was distributed locally. First United participants raised \$8321.00 in 2017 and are recognized by Church World Service as a "Cream of the CROP top fundraising team," ranking 53rd in funds raised in the country. Please see the recruiters in the church lounge and join the First United team today. This is a great family activity with lots of fun for all ages, raffles, etc. Even if you are unable to walk you can be a participant and help raise funds. See the recruiter for more information.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - First United's sanctuary is 100 years old, and we plan to celebrate! Following worship on April 15, come to the lounge to discover how "The Walls Tell Our Story." You will learn how our church building rose from the ashes in 1916 and emerged with increased strength and dedication. Photos, paintings, and windows reflect amazing faith, courage, and generosity. Contact Marcia Ashton to learn more (marciaashton@msn.com or 708-524-5126).

NEXT SUNDAY, "The March for Our Lives" – John 12:12-16

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 of the building. 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, MARCH 18

9:30 am Education for all
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 9:30 am *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Third grade)
 9:30 am Council/New Member Breakfast
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Conversation with Deborah
 6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH
 6:00 pm SOPRF Chorus Rehearsal
 6:00 pm Men's Lenten Book Group

MONDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 am CPM Meeting (presbytery)
 10:00 am Library Committee work
 6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting
 7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting
 7:00 pm Hunger Walkathon West meeting
 7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 am Nursery School Board meeting
 11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Lenten Prayer Stations
 7:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Board meeting
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring
 7:00 pm Housing Subcommittee Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 23**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

11:30 a.m. Easter Bluegrass Rehearsal
 2:00 pm Dan Efner Memorial Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 am Education for all
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 pm QUEST Tenebrae Rehearsal
 3:00 pm PFLAG
 6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH
 6:00 pm Men's Lenten Book Group

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

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