

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

In preparation for today's worship, please take a few moments to read the Quest Confirmand Statement of Faith found on the insert.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Diego Pareja

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Art Spooner

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julia Christopher

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim that Christ is Risen. AMEN.

* HYMN 272

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

Black hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kelsey O'Shea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands, open eyes, and a loving heart. Let me not walk this journey alone. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Adam Raducha

Friends, hear this good news: God in the Holy Spirit anoints us with her breath of life and never leaves us alone on our journey. We are all beloved children of God.

Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME FOR SHARING

Psalm 23: King David's Statement of Faith

2nd Grade
Church School Class

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For Hannah Metric

WORDS OF WELCOME

We are a people of and from water. We are born in water and carried in water. Life comes forth when water flows over the earth and the first life on earth was created in the ancient seas. Water is our symbol of the new birth of faith. It is that place where fear and trust come together.

Deep water fills us with fear. Water lifts us and holds us safe. We enter the Christian Church through water because it is the courage, trust, and hope, symbolized by water, that is the essence of the love we share here together.

Moses and Miriam walked through the Red Sea. John the Baptist reenacted our entry into God's promised land when he baptized people in the Jordan River. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that he is the living water. And beside the Sea of Galilee, Jesus commissioned all of us to welcome people with love and bind ourselves to their lives with this symbol of faith.

Today, Hannah comes to these waters to be baptized, for they have received the Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate this sacrament today, we remember with joy our own baptism, and we remember that we all belong to God, now and forever.

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT

BLESSING THE WATER

May the love of creation's first moments be in this water. May the courage of our Savior's liberating honesty flow through this water. May the flame of the Holy Spirit pour into this water and into your soul. Amen.

ACT OF BAPTISM

Hannah, you have been received into the church through baptism. God has made you a member of the household of faith.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church and to our common journey, for we are all one in Christ.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION 154

Go Tell it on the Mountain (v1)

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Black hymnal

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-8, 12-18, NT p. 119

Jack Lewis

SERMON

Confirmation, not Graduation

Alicia Reese

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 283

Spirit of the Living God

IVERSON

Black hymnal

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION AND

Kelly Pollock and Quest Teaching Team

QUESTIONS OF THE CONFIRMANDS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Deborah Kapp

Let us confess with the church in all times and places and affirm our faith in the Triune God.
Do you believe in God?
Yes, I believe in God.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit.

*ANOINTING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Lydia Mulkey

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

Kelly Pollock

We celebrate this public affirmation of your faith. We have watched you grow, shown you the ways of faith through study and example. We have learned from you as you asked questions, dreamed dreams and told your stories of faith. We are proud of you as you take this important step into full membership. And now we promise to partner with you as disciples of Christ and members of First United Church. May God bless us as we witness together the good news of our risen Savior.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

James Shorney

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First

Julia Christopher,
Diego Pareja, Ben Issel

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hannah Metric

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***CLOSING HYMN 351**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

BORNING CRY

Black hymnal

***CHARGE**

Julio Desir

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people.
Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

GREET THE CONFIRMANDS

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

The musical score is written on two staves in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the first two phrases of the song, with circled numbers 1 and 2 above the first and second measures respectively. The second staff contains the final two phrases, with circled numbers 3 and 4 above the first and second measures respectively. The lyrics are: "Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you ev - 'ry-where, ev - 'ry-where you may go."

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Please join us in the lounge following the congregational meeting
for a reception in honor of our Confirmands.

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for today at the end of our regular worship service. Three items will be discussed and voted upon. Please join us for this important meeting.

1. **New Council Members, Deacons and Members of the Nominating Committee:**
Nominees for three-year terms on Church Council are Mike Espinoza, Alissa Lonergan, Carl Nauert, Dan Pietrini, and Jamie Shamhart.
Nominees for one-year terms as youth members of Council are Lily Alter and Paul Raducha.
Nominees for three-year terms as Deacons are Brad Carlson, Ken Honderich, Porter Luckett, and Sara Stevenson.
Nominees for two-year terms on Nominating Committee are Robert Hickock, Tammy Meyer, Cindy Palombi, and Sue Saliny.
2. The following people have been nominated by Council as members of the Pastor Nominating Committee: Rick Ashton, Cathy Cerniglia, Gabe Chapman-Rienstra, Marsha Hubbuch, Melanie Jakapovic, Rick Pollock, Adam Raducha, Marteki Reed, Caitlin Zinsser.
3. Settled Call of the Reverend Lydia Mulkey.



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. Please consider adding your hands and heart as well! Contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377 for more information or to volunteer. This week we thank Lead Usher Carl Nauert; Greeters Chris Davis, Marsha Hubbuch, Bob & Kate Larson and Dale Sorenson; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher, and the Church School Acolytes. We ask forgiveness for any omissions.

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 registration 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 Deborah Kapp at 708.386.5215 or dkapp@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.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

NEXT WEEK'S 4TH SUNDAY OFFERING will be contributed to the Double Value Coupon Program.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held on Sundays, June 3, 10, and 17, during the hour before worship. Anyone interested in affiliating with the congregation is welcome to attend. Classes will give you an overview of First United - its ministry, commitments, and history. You'll also have an opportunity to make some new friends. For more information please contact Deborah Kapp at dkapp@firstunitedoakpark.com or 708-386-5215.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE? If you've ever missed an Evotional, the weekly reflections written by staff members and shared by email and on Facebook, you now can revisit them through the church website on the Evotionals page (<https://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/evotionals-2/>). Think of them as our church blog. A new Evotional will be added every week. Visit the website at <https://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/>.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – On June 3, following worship we will gather for a church picnic. Sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a side or a dessert to share, along with your picnic blanket! Suggested donation to defray expenses is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

JOIN MUSIC AT FIRST, Unity Temple, and the Nineteenth Century Club in a first-ever Steinway Crawl! Hear piano experts speak on the amazing history and grandeur of the magnificent Steinway pianos in these three locations, then hear them played. The event will be held this afternoon beginning at First United at 2:00 p.m., moving to Unity Temple, then concluding at the Nineteenth Century Club with a reception.

SUMMER MEALS ORIENTATION, for those who are interested in helping as volunteers, will be held tomorrow, May 21, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Summer Meals, a program of the OPRF Food Pantry, provides meals and activities for children during the summer months when school is closed. This orientation gives an overview of what to expect and how to become a Summer Meals Volunteer!

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am Quest Confirmation Breakfast
 9:30 am Education for all ages
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
 12:30 pm Confirmand Reception
 2:00 pm Oak Park Steinway Crawl
 6:00 pm FUSH and FUJI
 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am CPM Meeting (presbytery)
 11:00 am Summer Meals Volunteer
 Orientation
 6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting
 7:00 pm Brainstorming meeting
 7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting
 7:00 pm Hunger Walkathon West meeting
 7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 pm Technology Committee (away)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 24

8:45 am FUNS School Sing
 10:30 am FUNS Staff Lunch
 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring Social Event

FRIDAY, MAY 25

12:00 pm FUNS Teacher and Board Lunch

SATURDAY, MAY 26**SUNDAY, MAY 27**

9:30 am Education for all ages
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship
 3:00 pm PFLAG
 5:00 pm FUSH (away)
 6:00 pm FUJI (away)
 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

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

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