

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
29 APRIL 2018
EASTER FIVE



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

up·roar (ŭp'rôr') *n.*

An impassioned protest or heated controversy

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Tender Ritual

Jim Chappell

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad. Dani Chapman-Rienstra

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Camryn Zdziarski-West

God of justice and mercy,

Where there is bigotry,

Let us envision love.

Where we hear cruelty,

Let us speak kindness.

Where we see injustice,

Let us cause an uproar.

Facing the brokenness of this world,

We ask for courage to seek your healing.

This morning – and every morning that we draw breath – we ask for strength to be your voice

As we speak truth to power

As we envision compassion and equality

As we seek your justice, your mercy, and your peace

As we cause an uproar.

Amen

*** HYMN 286**

Spirit

SPIRIT

Black hymnal

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Paul Raducha

We are angry, God.

Fuel our anger to cause an uproar!

We seek wholeness for our world,

The end of war between nations,

The end of discrimination between races and ethnicities,

The end of hatred between and amongst religions,

The end of inequality and prejudice against another gender.

We seek to end the pain and injustice we have allowed to persist.

Love us anyway, heal us through your love.

Lead our anger to cause an uproar so that we can make a difference. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Matt Aeschleman

God's power envelopes our whole beings – even our anger. Spirit's love embraces our pain and shortcomings and moves us forward toward wholeness.

Be at peace, one and all. We are forgiven.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME FOR SHARING

FUJI (First United Junior High)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Refrain



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - lel - 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.

READER'S THEATER

Setting the scene of Acts 16:20-24

Nick Larson, Elise Beile,
Gabe Chapman-Rienstra

SERMONS

Cause an Uproar

Lura Honderich, Nicole Cerniglia

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 525**

Here I Am, Lord

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Owen Savoy

OFFERTORY

I'm Coming Out

***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

Roz Beile

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

* HYMN

The Summons

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should you
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

FUSH Seniors

***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

Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 6, in D: Allegro con spirito

Muzio Clementi

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

Musicians

Violin – Jane Vachon

Trumpet – Charlie Kennedy

Singing – Nicole Cerniglia



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 profoundly important ways. This week we thank Greeters Vicky Lekovish, Dale Sorenson and Jim Wisuri; Lead Usher Bob Larson; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher and the Church School Acolytes. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries might be a fit for you, please contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

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 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 parts 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

FLOWER POWER – LAST CHANCE! Make a tax-deductible donation of \$10-\$15 in the Lounge today to benefit New Moms, a key mission partner. Next Sunday, May 6, our Church School children will plant pots of flowers – symbolizing love and hope as the lives of young mothers and their children blossom with potential and promise – for the moms for Mother’s Day and will assemble Welcome Baskets of basic supplies for new clients as they enter this life-changing program.

EVENING DIVISION PRESENTS....What You DON’T Know About Frank Lloyd Wright! Just because we live in Oak Park doesn’t mean we know everything about Frank Lloyd Wright. Stephanie Kennington, owner of a Wright cottage in Michigan – with historic plaque and all – will shed new light on this Oak Park genius in her program, “150 Years of Beauty, Elegance, and Craftsmanship.” Thursday, May 10: supper (\$15) at 6 p.m., program (free) at 7 p.m., Centennial Hall. Call 708-848-2757 to reserve.

MUSIC AT FIRST is proud to present Chicago's Apollo Chorus in their Spring Concert - Orff's Carmina Burana and Midwestern Masters - on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. in the First United sanctuary. Directed by Stephen Alltop, the Chorus will also present choral works by esteemed Midwestern composers, including Stacy Garrop, Jeremy Beck, and Stephen Paulus.

FIRST UNITED NURSERY SCHOOL “EAT AND EARN” - Local business Thai Oak Park Express is partnering with First United Nursery School for a fundraiser on Tuesday, May 1 through Thursday, May 3. Please mention First United Nursery School by name when you order and 20% of FUNS sales will be donated to the school, including sales of gift cards. 250 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, 708-445-1700.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

9:30 am Education for all ages
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Tower, Tunnels, and More tour
 5:00 pm Quest to the Boulevard
 6:00 pm FUJI
 7:00 pm Men's Group

MONDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 am Food Pantry Staff meetings

TUESDAY, MAY 1

10:00 am Food Pantry Staff meeting
 2:00 pm Cooking Matters, Adults with
 Diabetes
 4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus
 6:00 pm Communications Committee
 6:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting
 7:00 pm Planned Giving meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

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

THURSDAY, MAY 3

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

FRIDAY, MAY 4

9:00 am FUNS Plant Sale (all day)
 6:00 pm FUJI Spring Retreat

SATURDAY, MAY 5

9:00 am FUJI Spring Retreat (all day)
 9:00 am Pro Musica Youth Chorus

SUNDAY, MAY 6

9:30 am Education for all ages
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship with Communion
 3:00 pm Apollo Chorus Concert
 6:00 pm FUSH

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A labyrinth is a spiritual and meditative tool. With the weather finally warming up, remember that the labyrinth in the First United garden is available for your use. To see what it might be like to make use of this spiritual tool, use the finger labyrinth printed below. Prior to entering the labyrinth, whether with your finger or your feet, set an intention to focus yourself. Release your stress, anger, or frustration. As you approach the center, quiet your mind, listen, be open, and let the spirit guide the process, as the walk draws you closer to God. Then reflect on your devotional walk as you follow the path out and reconnect with your daily life.

