

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
6 MAY 2018
EASTER SIX



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following
your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
Amen.
- Thomas Merton

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel

arranged for two pianos, four hands by Richard Simm
Sallie Smylie and Michael Surratt

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Steven Pederson

We meet in the name of God,
Creator of the universe,
source of true humanity,
Mother and Father of all.
We meet in the name of Jesus,
Word made flesh,
savior of fallen humanity,
lover of all.

We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
**Lord and giver of life,
midwife of new humanity,
inspirer of all.**

Let us unite our hearts in prayer:

O Christ, the Master Carpenter, who at the last, through wood and nails, purchased our whole salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand. We ask it for your own name's sake. Amen.

* **HYMN 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWMRHONDDA

Blue hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4: 1-6, from *The Message*

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain



Verse



SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6, NT p. 193

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Everyday Faith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 372

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

OFFERTORY

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

*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!**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.
We gather as a community of memory, fed by word and worship.
We gather as a community of hope, leaning forward to God's promised kingdom, in which all are welcome, all are fed, all are cherished.
We gather as a community of grace, called here from north and south, from east and west.
Christ's own, we gather around the Lord's table. Our savior invites all who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. Let us pray.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, you have searched us and known us. Gathered around this table today we give you thanks for the grace of your presence in human life:

A grace that calls us to worship and service,

A grace that blesses us, that we might be a blessing to others,

A grace that frames our moral life with law and covenant,

A grace that refuses to abandon us in wilderness and exile,

A grace that calls us to new risks and challenges,

A grace that calls us to account,

A grace that will not let us go.

With the faithful in every time and place we sing the glory of your name:

(repeat each line after the leader)

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you for your presence among us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Through him you know first-hand what it is to be human, and through him you join us in every dimension of life. We thank you that there is no corner of our lives – no alleyway and no dead end, no jail cell, no penthouse, no kitchen table, no market – where you are not present. We thank you that there is no time in our lives – no lonely night, no bad decision, no stressed-out moment, no occasion that demands fresh courage and ideas – where you are not present. With confidence in your presence and mercy, we share our concerns:

Thank you, gracious God, for blessing us with hearts, minds, souls, and wills that are attentive to your presence in the living Christ. Thank you for the joy that fills our lives:

With the presence of your Spirit, Loving God, bless us as we gather around the table in your name.

As we remember your saving acts in Christ, re-member us. Reform, remake, and renew us as members of his body. Gird us with a love for justice and peace. Fill us with humility, gentleness, and patience. Keep us open to the movement of your Spirit in our lives.

We pray in the name of our brother Jesus, who taught us to pray together, saying. . .

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Today we serve communion by intinction. Beginning from the middle pews, we invite everyone to come to the front or rear of the Sanctuary to share in the joyful feast. As you reach the servers, break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Gluten-free bread is available at the station by the baptismal font. Return to your place by the outside rows.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Merciful God, you are peace, concord, purity, and goodness. You are the Father and Mother of all who cherish thoughts of peace. Grant us humility, hope, and a steadfast faith. Enable us to vie with one another in love, since love is the fulfillment of the law; and, as we become sons and daughters of peace, worthy to be called blessed by your Son, may we be salt of the earth and light to the world, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

Blue hymnal

*CHARGE

*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

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
arranged for two pianos, four hands by Richard Simm

G. F. Handel

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.

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED



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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for Sunday, May 20 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 Lockett, and Sara Stevenson.
Nominees for two-year terms on Nominating Committee are Robert Hickcock, Tammy Meyer, Cindy Palombi, and Sue Saliny.
2. **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).**
3. **Settled Call of the Reverend Lydia Mulkey.**

APOLLO CHORUS – Join Music at First in welcoming Chicago’s Apollo Chorus as they perform “*Carmina Burana & Midwestern Masters*,” this afternoon in the First United sanctuary at 3:00 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAES! Stop by in the lounge after worship next week for Second Sunday Sundaes. The second Sunday of every month, after worship, the Seventh Grade Sunday School class provides ice cream and the toppings. Come for a sweet treat and fellowship!

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) beginning at 6 p.m.; program (free) starts at 7 p.m., Centennial Hall. Call 708-848-2757 to reserve or sign up at the desk in the lounge.

DINNER AND A MOVIE, Friday May 18 – *Loving* recounts a landmark chapter in the struggle for civil rights, this absorbing drama depicts the 1958 arrest and imprisonment of Richard and Mildred Loving for violating Virginia's law against interracial marriage. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (\$5 donation), movie at 6:30 p.m. (free). Call Nancy Pennington, 708-386-9195 or sign up at the desk in the lounge.

OAK PARK STEINWAY CRAWL - 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 Sunday afternoon, May 20, beginning at First United at 2 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 volunteering, will be held Monday, May 21, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Summer Meals provides meals and activities during the summer months when school is closed. This orientation gives an overview on what to expect and how to become a Summer Meals Volunteer!

MARCH FOR A JUST PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE - On Saturday, May 12, we will begin at First United Methodist Church, 324 N. Oak Park Ave., at 11:00 a.m. The march will follow through Scoville Park and end up at First United Church at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for guest speakers. A meal in the lounge will follow, ending at 2:30 p.m. Join us!

LOST SOMETHING? Have you lost a hat, a beverage container, a serving dish, a plastic storage container, a cane, or maybe a book? The Lost and Found is on display in the lounge until May 14, after which it will be discarded. Please check it out!

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:30 am Church School Leader Breakfast
 9:30 am Education for all ages
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship with Communion
 1:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk
 3:00 pm Apollo Chorus Concert
 6:00 pm FUSH

MONDAY, MAY 7

7:00 pm Deacon Board meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 8

4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus
 7:00 pm Newcomers Committee meeting
 7:00 pm Youth Committee meeting
 7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
 7:30 pm Faith in Action Committee meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

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

THURSDAY, MAY 10

8:15 am Mission Partner meeting
 12:30 pm FUNS Alpha Club Art Show
 6:00 pm Evening Division Dinner and Program
 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

FRIDAY, MAY 11**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

1:00 pm March for a Just Peace
SUNDAY, MAY 6
 9:30 am Education for all ages
 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Second Sunday Sundaes
 6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH
 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

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