

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
17 JUNE 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"Serve each other according to the gift each person has received,
as good managers of God's diverse gifts."

1 Peter 4:10

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

GATHERING MUSIC

His Voice as the Sound

Early American hymn
arr. Parker/Shaw

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Alicia Reese

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the prophets, call to us today.

Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways. Anoint us,

So that we may teach others your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

* HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Blue hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

All life is sacred and has purpose. When we find ourselves feeling doubtful of what is asked of us or who we are meant to be, we can always turn to God. Let us now join our hearts and voices together in prayer...

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Gracious God, you have chosen each of us as your beloved child. You have called us to be one of your disciples. But what does that look like? We struggle to discern the call you have placed on our lives. Show us your way, open our hearts and our minds to the path you lay before us. Give us peace of mind. Anoint us on this journey; let us never feel alone, but rather, made whole by your call and the support of this community.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Friends, whether you have heard your call clearly or continue to discern what it may be, know that God knows and sees all that you are, chooses you, and will never let you walk this journey alone.

Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM THOR BENJAMIN MAGNUSON

BLESSING THE WATER

COMMUNITY COVENANT

Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to this child about to be baptized, living and growing in Christ? If so, please join me in this covenant: **In this act of surpassing grace, we witness the power of God. In baptism, we become newly aware of God's abundant love and mercy. God calls each of us wherever we are, whoever we are, to share in the joy of God's presence in a community of faith. As people who strive to follow Jesus Christ more closely each day, we welcome you, Thor, to our common journey. Trusting God, we offer you our support and care.**

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND GODPARENT

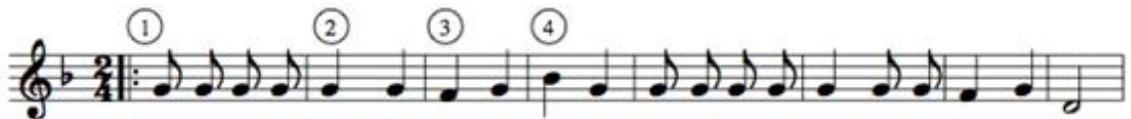
Parents: Adie and Ben Magnuson; Godparent: Stephanie Millichap

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word

Iona Community



Lis-ten to the Word that God has spo-ken, Lis-ten to the One who is close at hand;



Lis-ten to the Voice be-hind cre - a-tion, Lis-ten ev-en if you don't un-der-stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13, OT p. 259

SERMON

Anointed? Or Anointer?

Alicia Reese

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

Blue hymnal

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

INTRODUCTIONS

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but the same God is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is a common purpose that is accomplished.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

It is still one body.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

ORDINATION VOWS

AFFIRMING THE FIRST UNITED VISION

Let us remind our new leaders of the vision set forth for them by this congregation with the guidance of the Spirit:

We are moving from words to witness in our relationship with God.

We are moving from individualism to intimacy in our relationships with each other.

We are moving from charity to changing structures of injustice in our relationship with the world.

ANOINTING - HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord (Chorus Only)

Blue hymnal

*CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We accept these elders and deacons as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ. We promise to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church.

*LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

The Summons

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*DOXOLOGY

TALLIS' CANON

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

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

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH

Make your promises and hear the reminders of your community as you go.

We go as representatives of First United Church of Oak Park to Common Fire Service Camp in the Kitsap Community of Washington State where we will work for housing justice. We will carry your love, your prayers, and our shared values as we go.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

We go to be present with those who host us and those we serve. We go, not to meet our own needs, but the needs of others.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

We go with our hearts set on changing the lives of others, knowing that we will change in the process. We will be vulnerable, selfless, and ready for new and powerful experiences of the holy.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

We go so we can come back, empowered to work with you for a just world for all.

As you go, we go with you: awed by God's wonder, present with our prayers, changed by your commitment, and empowered to work together upon your return for a just world for all.

The newly ordained and installed deacons will anoint the trip participants as we sing.

*** HYMN 369**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**



A - men, sing prais - es to our God. A - men, sing prais - es to our God.



A - men, re - joice, a - men, re - joice. A - men, sing prais - es to our God.

SENDING MUSIC

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.

THANKS TO OUR VOCAL ENSEMBLE, Elaine Pierce, Martina Reese, Michael Espinoza, and Bill Chin, with Mike Surratt at the piano, for today's music in worship.

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 those who provide Hospitality through various ministries. We thank Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; Lead Usher Nell Lurain; Greeters: Christine Davis, Bob Larson, Kate Larson, Vicky Lekovish and Jim Wisuri. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. If you think one 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

NEXT SUNDAY we welcome the Rev. Dr. Stephanie Crowder to our pulpit. Dr. Crowder is a New Testament scholar, and is an engaging speaker, teacher, and preacher. She is the newly elected Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Chicago Theological Seminary, where she has taught for several years.

NEXT WEEK'S FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING will be donated to Cluster Tutoring, a community-centered, free tutoring program that serves over 100 children. We are privileged to host this program in our church building on Thursday nights during the school year, as well as for their summer program. Thank you, in advance, for your generous gifts.

FUSH GOES TO PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON! FUSH is going to Port Orchard, WA to serve in the Kitsap Community. We will be staying at the UCC Pacific Northwest Conference Camp, Pilgrim Firs, attending Camp Common Fire.

POETRY WRITING INVITATION As part of our Centennial Celebration, poets are invited to create a poem that captures reflections on First United (past, present or future) or church experience in general. We hope to receive original poetry from people of all ages. Your poem might appear in various places: Centennial Poetry booklet, liturgy in worship, Evotionals, posters, etc. Deadline for receipt of poems is July 25. Please email your poem to Marcia Ashton, marciaashton@msn.com. Questions? Contact Marcia Ashton or Pastor Lydia Mulkey, lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com.

CHICAGO SUMMER SINGS will not be held this summer due the building maintenance that is taking place. We will be back next summer but are sorry to miss these lovely evenings. We hope that everyone will have a wonderful summer and keep singing anyway!

"WHO'S THAT???" – A Photo Contest Fundraiser for the FUNS Scholarship Fund. In a nutshell: You submit an old photo of yourself (high school graduation/prom/wedding/etc.) by Sunday, July 1. Cost to submit is \$1. We enlarge and post it in the lounge. Everyone else guesses who is in the photos. Cost for a guessing sheet is \$5. Proceeds go to the First United Nursery School. COMPLETE DETAILS are on the large poster in the lounge, or call 708-848-1762. Prizes will be awarded for the most correct identifications!

WHAT CAN ONE DO TO STEM GUN VIOLENCE? Stop by the table in the lounge to stay up-to-date on ways to keep taking action to stem gun violence. Also, sign up for action alerts.

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words to witness
in our relationship with God,

individualism to intimate
fellowship in our relationship with other members of the church community,

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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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 am New Member Class
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Worship
with Race & Housing Panel
11:15 am FUSH Work Camp Orientation

MONDAY, JUNE 18

2:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer
Orientation

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 pm Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Board meeting
7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer
Orientation

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

6:00 pm Evening Division Celebration

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Summer Jazz Worship
and Fourth Sunday Offering
3:00 pm PFLAG
4:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor

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

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Lydia Mulkey, Associate Pastor of Education (ext. 103)
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William Chin, Director of Music (ext. 108)
Michael Surratt, Organist
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