

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
27 MAY 2018
TRINITY SUNDAY



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Faith does not come into being out of nothing, inadvertently, unprepared, as an unearned surprise.

Faith is preceded by awe, by acts of amazement at things that we apprehend
but cannot comprehend. . . .

Callousness to the mystery is our greatest obstacle.

— Abraham Heschel

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude No 1 in C
Aria: My Heart Ever Faithful
Invention No. 14 in B flat

J.S. Bach

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Deborah Kapp

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

With the church through all the ages,
let us affirm what we believe using the first section of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Let us worship God.

* HYMN 90

Black hymnal

Rising in Darkness

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

CALL TO PRAYER

Let us continue our confession of faith:

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

Trusting in God's mercy, and confident of the salvation given to us through the person of Jesus Christ, let us together join in confession and song:

HYMN OF CONFESSION 301 (seated) *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*
Blue hymnal

SOUTHWELL

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND SHARING PEACE

Lydia Mulkey

Hear the good news: As far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our sins from us.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit

and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us stand and share with one another the peace of Christ.

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION 309 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
Blue hymnal

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14, 16, NT p. 91

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Fissures and Faith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Blue hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (continued)

Deborah Kapp

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Jim Babcock

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Credo (from Gospel Mass)

Robert Ray

soloist: Sandy Jefferson

(the text is an adaptation of the Nicene Creed)

*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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Lydia Mulkey

COMMUNION HYMN 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* (vs. 1-2)

TOULON

Blue hymnal

COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, Holy One, for your sacred name which you have lodged in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you have revealed through Jesus, your child. Almighty God, we thank you that you are mighty. You have created everything for the sake of your name and have given us food and drink to enjoy that we may thank you. To us you have

given spiritual food and drink and eternal life through Jesus, your child. We thank you for the multiple blessings and joys with which you have filled our lives:
(Prayers of Joy)

Remember, Lord, your children. Let grace come. Surround and uphold all who look to you for healing, peace, and justice. Make your presence known in places of violence and confusion:
(Prayers of Concern)

Send your Spirit upon these, your gifts of bread and wine, that through sharing them with one another, we may recognize your quiet and sustaining presence in our midst.

On the night he was betrayed our Lord took the cup, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this that I might be remembered."

We thank you, God, for the holy vine of David, your child, which you revealed through Jesus, your child. To you be glory forever.

In the same way also, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this that I might be remembered."

We thank you, loving God, for the life and knowledge which you have revealed through Jesus, your child. To you be glory forever. As this piece of bread was scattered over the hills and then was brought together and made one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom. For yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, using the words he taught us, 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.

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.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

* CONCLUDING PRAYER, HYMN 457 *I Greet Thee* (vs. 3-5)

TOULON

Blue hymnal

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Halle

HALLE HALLE

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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The third staff continues with 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le -' and the fourth staff concludes with 'lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases held over from the previous staff.

SENDING MUSIC

Invention No. 8 in F

J. S. Bach

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

TODAY'S WORSHIP INCLUDES hymns, prayers, and a creed from our Reformed heritage and the early church. Our hymns date from the 4th, 6th, and 16th centuries, the creed was written in the 4th century, and our communion liturgy is reworked from a 1st century Christian teaching. The Gathering and Sending music is by J. S. Bach, the greatest church musician of the 18th century German Reformation.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING will be contributed to the Double Value Coupon Program, which allows LINK card holders to purchase double the value of the healthy food they buy at the Oak Park Farmers' Market. Funded in large part by First United, other local congregations, and donors, DVCP has been very proactive, reaching out to food-insecure families in Oak Park as well as in Austin and Maywood. Through those efforts, use of the coupons increased by over 25% in each of the last two years, benefiting families in need and local farmers at the same time.



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 - 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 those who provide Hospitality through various ministries. 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.

This week we thank Communion coordinators Bobbie Kmiec and Karin Pietrini; Communion servers Ann Armstrong, Gene Armstrong, Bob Berry, Alberta Coppage, Joanne Despotes, Ted Despotes, Betty Gehring, Pat Hahn, Bobbie Kmiec, Lois Love, Bonnie Mize, Brenda Potts, Ally Vertigan and Sandy White; Lead Usher Bonnie Mize; Greeters: Rose Buckner, Joanne Despotes, Vicky Lekovish and Jim Wisuri; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher and the Church School Acolytes.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - On May 6, 1968, the Oak Park Board of Trustees passed a landmark Fair Housing Ordinance, beating the federal legislation by a few months. Opponents called it “forced housing.” On Sunday, June 10, come learn from people on the forefront of the battle for Fair Housing in Oak Park. First United will mark the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Ordinance with a panel discussion during worship.

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.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 10 we move to our summer hours and worship will start at 10:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 27

9:30 am Education for all ages
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
11:00 am Worship with Communion
3:00 pm PFLAG
5:00 pm FUSH (away)
6:00 pm FUJI (away)

MONDAY, MAY 28

Holiday – Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 29

7:00 pm Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
7:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee

THURSDAY, MAY 31

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

9:30 am Education for all ages
9:30 am New Member Class
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
9:30 am Raise the Roof Showcase Info
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm All-Church Picnic
7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study

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.

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