

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

3 JUNE 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“If you develop a strong sense of concern for the well-being of all sentient beings and in particular human beings, this will make you happy in the morning even before coffee.” - The Dalai Lama

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13: Adagio cantabile* Ludwig van Beethoven

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Please sign and pass the black Connections pad. Alicia Reese

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP Preschool to Fifth Grade Classes

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under your feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over your head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

***SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from a prayer by abby mohaupt
Don Sibley, Camryn Zdziarski-West, Sara Issel

(Philippians 2:1-4, CEB)

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Let us pray.

Adults: God, we pray for open ears and open hearts, we who are grown and think we have all the answers. Help us live with wisdom and humility. Help us to teach with love.

Youth and Young Adults: God, we pray for open minds and open hearts, we who are still discovering ourselves are prone to hurt and worry and thinking we have all the answers. Help us to live with curiosity and to learn.

Children: God, we pray for happy hearts. We want to learn and grow. Help us.

Adults: We look to you, the young ones in our community. We are not better than you because of our age. You have things to teach us. Help us learn from you.

Youth and Young Adults: **We look to you, the older ones in our community, to learn from your triumphs and your mistakes. Help us to listen to you and help us to trust our own decisions. Empower us. We look to you, children, knowing that like you, we still have room to grow.**

Children: **We look to you, our church family. Love us. We love you.**

All: **May we have the same love, be united, and agree with each other. May we not do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than ourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, may we watch out for what is better for others. Amen.**

* **HYMN 11**
Black hymnal

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

CALL TO PRAYER

Alicia Reese

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS adapted from a prayer by Dan Gansch-Boythe and Kathryn C. Smith

Holy God, parent and child,
we seek a new view.

**Immersed in your presence,
open us to our neighbors.**

We admit that we don't know where to start
and that our neighbor sometimes seems mysterious and unknowable.

**Help us to see and appreciate diversity
in our community.**

Break our stubborn hearts.

Open our minds to recognize the daily challenges of others.

**Rather than provide answers
or try to fix situations we may not understand,
fill us with childlike curiosity so we can explore life together.**

Bring an awareness of young voices into our lives.

Renew in us the promise of possibilities.

And keep us honest, God.

Let our efforts be unsullied by desires to be the greatest.

Instead, with the greatest of fervor, let us take on the humble, servant attitude of Christ.

**We seek new vision and renewed spirit
for the pure joy of learning and being in relationship.**

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Preschool to Fifth Grade Classes

Wherever love is, God is there, too. God is in me 'cause I love you.

Wherever love is, God is there, too. God is wherever love is.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME FOR SHARING

Deborah Kapp

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Preschool Class

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Preschool to Fifth Grade Classes

Somebody's knocking at your door, Somebody's knocking at your door.
Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knocking at your door.
Knocks like Jesus – Can't you hear him? – Answer Jesus.

READING

Philippians 2:1-11, NT p. 197

SERMON

Watch Out!

Lydia Mulkey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 539**

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

SERVANT SONG

Black hymnal

CHURCH SCHOOL LEADER TESTIMONY

John Borrero

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

***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.**

PLANNED GIVING APPRECIATION

Kelly Pollock

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deborah Kapp

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*HYMN 393

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Black hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Philip Gehring

Be at peace among yourselves. Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Do not repay evil for evil but hold fast to what is good.

This service is now over,

But our service will never end!

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

*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.

SENDING MUSIC

Sonata No. 16: Rondo

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, we'll gather outside for the Annual Church Picnic. Even if you didn't plan to stay, please do! There will be plenty of food for everyone. Suggested donation to defray expenses is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Many thanks to those who have helped make the picnic happen!



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 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 Lead Usher Gene Armstrong; Greeters: Marsha Hubbuch, Marilyn Kauffmann, Marge Lyon and Debby Preiser; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher and the Church School Acolytes. We ask forgiveness for any omissions.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 10, don't be late to church! We move to our summer hours and worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.

TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the Fair Housing Ordinance in Oak Park, our worship service next Sunday will feature a panel discussion of community folks who were on the forefront of the battle. Come and learn about this part of the history of Oak Park and First United.

ON THURSDAY, JUNE 14, Evening Division will celebrate its splendid 105-year history with a celebratory dinner and, with regret, close this venerable organization. Since 1913, Evening Division has provided community here while supporting charities both locally and around the world. While we are sorry to take this step, we are glad to use Evening Division's funds to restore the chapel's southwest stained-glass window. Please join us for a grand dinner! Thursday, June 14, 6:00 p.m., in the chapel. Cost is \$15. Call 708-383-5632 to reserve a place.

TIME TO CLEAN THE VOTIVES! Please stop by the lounge after church and pick up a bag of votive candle holders to be cleaned. Instructions are in each bag. Thank you from the First United Church Sanctuary Guild.

BETTER ANGELS SKILLS WORKSHOPS are designed to improve our skills in reaching across the partisan divide. A workshop, led by Mike McGillicuddy, LCSW will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oak Park Public Library. Better Angels is a bipartisan citizen's movement to unify our divided nation. We're building new ways to talk to one another, participate together in public life, and influence the direction of the nation. There is no cost, but advance registration is required. To register, send an email to michael.mcgillicuddy@gmail.com or call 312.925.3840. For more information, go to www.better-angels.org.

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/>.

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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

MONDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 pm Deacon Board Meeting (away)
7:00 pm Food Pantry Board Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

6:00 pm Communications Committee
7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 am New Member Class
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Worship
with Fair Housing Panel
11:00 am All Church Reception

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