

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK 1 JULY 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Disruptors dismantle accepted norms and forge unimagined futures.”
—Chris Field

The upstream and downstream solution:

Upstream are the systemic issues our society faces and downstream are where the symptoms of those issues present themselves and are treated. We need to do work downstream AND look upstream too and work to make impactful change.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

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

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today as people who have been moved, who have been changed

Make us disruptors

We have seen firsthand the upstream issues that plague our society

Make us disruptors

Give us the strength to continue our downstream efforts

Make us disruptors

Allow our righteous anger to fuel our need for change

Make us disruptors

Give us the courage to persist in our pursuits of justice

Make us disruptors

Together we can dismantle accepted norms and forge unimagined futures

Make us disruptors for the good of all.

* HYMN 335

Blue hymnal

Though I May Speak

OWALYWALY

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Gracious God. I know the greatest commandment is to love my neighbor, but I often lose sight of who that might be. "Love your neighbor," you tell me, and I know our world could use more love. Give me the courage to show love to my oppressed neighbor, my refugee neighbor, my homeless neighbor, my LGBTQ neighbor, my different neighbor, my struggling neighbor, my lonely neighbor. Love can be shown in big and small ways; through love we can heal, we can impact a life, we can disrupt and dismantle accepted norms. We can create a new, unimagined future of peace and wholeness.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Friends, by the grace of God you are chosen and loved, just as you are. And so we are called to love all our neighbors, all the children of God.

Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

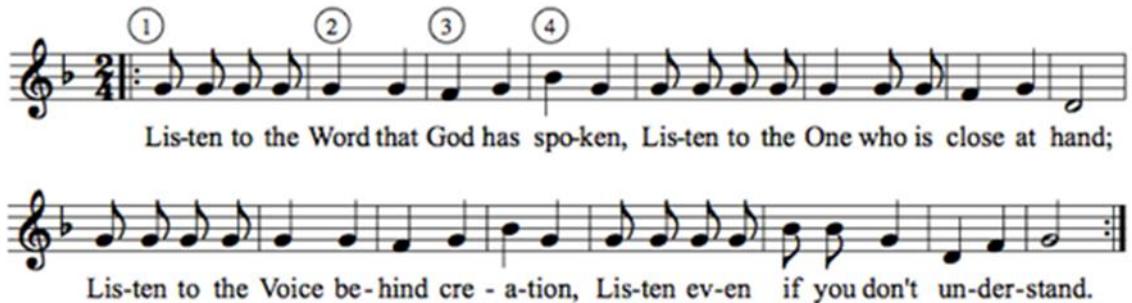
TIME FOR SHARING

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

2 Corinthians 8:7-15, NT p. 183

SERMON

Reflections on FUSH Service Experience in Washington

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 280
Blue hymnal

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Run Children Run

Field Yell, arr. Stephen Hatfield

Run children run I say, cuz I got a right to the tree of life.

I got a right, I got a right. Everybody got the right. (*We got a right...*) (*You got a right...*)

*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 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:

SANCTUS

from *Mass for Three Voices*

William Byrd

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

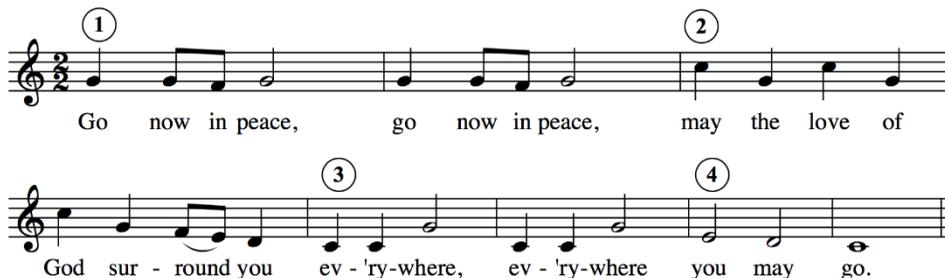
Merciful God, you are peace, concord, purity, and goodness. You are the Father and Mother of all who cherish thoughts of peace. Grant us humility, hope, and a steadfast faith. Enable us to live with one another in love, since love is the fulfillment of the law; and, as we become sons and daughters of 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

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth



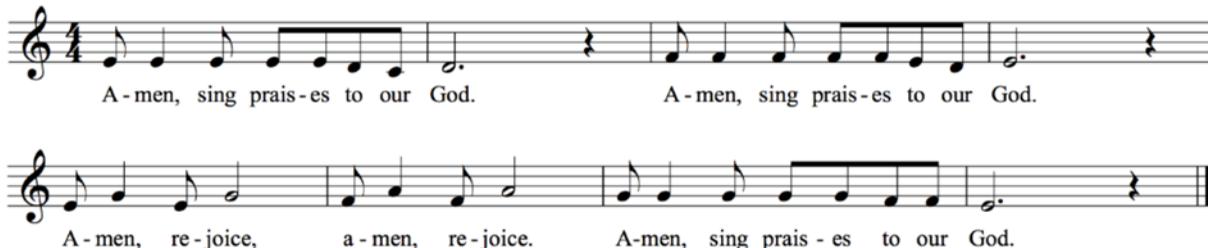
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of
God sur - round you ev - 'ry-where, ev - 'ry-where you may go.

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*CHARGE

*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

Babylon Is Fallen

Shape-Note Hymn

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

MANY THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS for leading our first ever a cappella service: Beth Albrecht, Mike Espinoza, and Bill Chin.



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 Communion coordinators Bobbie Kmiec and Karin Pietrini and all the communion servers; Lead Usher Carl Nauert and all the usher volunteers; Greeters Marsha Hubbuch, Marge Lyon, Anne Paluck and Debby Preiser; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher. We ask forgiveness for any omissions.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

BEGINNING THIS WEEK, workers will be installing scaffolding in the sanctuary to do the work of repairing and painting the walls. Next Sunday, we will be celebrating worship in the lounge. The target date to be back in the sanctuary is the first of September.

SUMMER VESPERS will be held on Wednesday evenings from July 11 to August 15. Join us from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to consider the theme "Under Construction." Weather permitting, we will gather at the labyrinth so bring a lawn chair if you can.

FIRST UNITED GOES TO THE ZOO! A Lincoln Park Zoo Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, departing from the church at 8:45 a.m. For more information, contact Lydia Mulkey, lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com

OVER 500+ THANK YOU CARDS! Thank you for caring! First United has sent over 500 thank you postcards to legislators for taking action to protect our children and youth by voting "Yes" on the "Combating Illegal Gun Sales Act." Thanks to everyone!

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.

A HOUSING FORWARD TRIVIA NIGHT fundraiser will be held on Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. To register: online at housingforward.org/events; or call 708.338.1724 x320; or email arochon@housingforward.org

PLEASE NOTE that the First United Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the holiday.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 1

- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
- 9:30 am Stemming Gun Violence
- 10:00 am Summer Worship with Communion
Youth Mission Trip reflections

MONDAY, JULY 2

- 6:30 pm PNC meeting
- 7:00 pm Deacon Board meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 3

- 7:00 pm Planned Giving meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Church Offices closed

THURSDAY, JULY 5

FRIDAY, JULY 6

SATURDAY, JULY 7

- 8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group

SUNDAY, JULY 8

- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
- 9:30 am Stemming Gun Violence
- 10:00 am Summer Worship in the Lounge



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