

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
15 JULY 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

It's you I like,
It's not the things you wear,
It's not the way you do your hair
But it's you I like
The way you are right now,
The way down deep inside you
Not the things that hide you,
Not your toys
They're just beside you.

But it's you I like
Every part of you.
Your skin, your eyes, your feelings
Whether old or new.
I hope that you'll remember
Even when you're feeling blue
That it's you I like,
It's you yourself
It's you.
It's you I like.

- Fred Rogers

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Lydia Mulkey

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*OPENING SONG

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.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are their words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,

its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them.

In the sun's bright, life-giving light, let us worship God.

*HYMN 469

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Blue hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

Deborah Kapp

God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and ever faithful. With trust in divine mercy, let us together confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

We confess, O God, that we have been preoccupied by the many demands this life makes on us, that we have sought the comforts that society offers, that we have become involved in disloyal competition which nullifies the pain of others, that a culture of busyness has dazed us so that we have lost the blessing of your presence.

Help us to see the one thing necessary, your presence, which comforts, inspires, and commits us to labor for your reign. Strengthen our decision to walk with you, with the certainty that nothing can separate us from your side, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

TIME OF SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Ally Vertigan

*HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Blue hymnal

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deborah Kapp

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6: 1-13, NT p. 40

SERMON

Simple Truths

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

'Tis the Gift to be Simple

SIMPLE GIFTS

'Tis the gift to be sim-ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the
gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the
place just right, 'Twill be in the val - ley of love and de-light.
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gain'd, to bow and to bend we will
not be a-sham'd, to turn, turn will be our de-light, 'Till by
turn - ing, turn - ing we come 'round right.

Verse 2

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'Tis the gift to be fair,
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air
To walk ev'ry day in the path that we choose,
'Tis the gift we pray we may never lose.

Chorus

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Til by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Verse 3

'Tis the gift to be knowing,
'Tis the gift to be kind,
'Tis the gift to wait and hear another's mind,
That when we speak our feeling
it may come out true,
'Tis the gift for me and the gift for you.

Chorus

Verse 4

'Tis the gift to be loving,
'Tis the best gift of all,
Like a warm spring rain
bringing beauty when it falls
And when we use this gift come to believe
It is better to give than it is to receive
Chorus

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

***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

Lydia Mulkey

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

*HYMN 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

Blue Hymnal

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Deborah Kapp

*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.

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. This week we thank Lead Usher Robert Larson; Greeters: Christine Davis, Joanne Despotes, Marilyn Kauffmann and Susan Saliny; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi, Nina Roher and the volunteers who have been cleaning the votive candle holders. 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.

TODAY'S COVER ART: Pilgrim with staff, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54923> [retrieved July 12, 2018]. Original source: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pilgrim_Path_Waymarker_\(Ireland\).jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pilgrim_Path_Waymarker_(Ireland).jpg).

EVENTS AND UPDATES

SUMMER VESPERS continues this week on Wednesday night, July 18, from 6:30 – 7:30. Weather permitting, we will worship outside around the labyrinth. Bring a lawn chair, a picnic, and yourselves. Each service will include reflections by members, the opportunity to learn and engage a spiritual practice, song, and prayer. We hope to see you there. Vespers will occur weekly on Wednesday nights through August 15.

POETRY OF FIRST UNITED - You are invited to write some verses (aka poem) that capture your reflections of First United Church (past, present, future) or church in general. Consider how your church holds deep meaning as you face many celebrations and challenges throughout your life. All ages are encouraged to participate. All poetry forms are welcome - free verse, haiku, sonnet, limerick, doggerel, couplet, etc. Length - not too long. Poems may appear in our Centennial Celebration booklet, worship liturgy, evotionals, posters, etc. Drop your poem in the folder on the Elder Desk or email to marciaashton@msn.com. Questions? Contact Marcia Ashton or Pastor Lydia Mulkey. Thank you!

JULY 4TH SUNDAY OFFERING: FIRST UNITED NURSERY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS – These scholarships create opportunities for children in families with limited resources to attend FUNS. The staff provides a literacy-rich, play-based curriculum that supports children’s curiosity, creativity, initiative, and confidence.

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 15

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
9:30 am Stemming Gun Violence
10:00 am Summer Worship

MONDAY, JULY 16

2:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer
Orientation
6:00 pm Communications Comm. (off-site)
6:30 pm Waging Peace Meeting
7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting
7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 17

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading
6:30 pm PNC meeting
7:00 pm Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

6:30 pm Summer Vespers worship
7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer
Orientation

THURSDAY, JULY 19

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading

FRIDAY, JULY 20

All Day Audit Subcommittee

SATURDAY, JULY 21

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group
10:00 am Northern IL PFLAG Council

SUNDAY, JULY 22

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
9:30 am Stemming Gun Violence
10:00 am Summer Worship in the Lounge
with Fourth Sunday Offering
11:30 am PNC meeting
3:00 pm PFLAG

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