

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

22 JULY 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Go down into the plans of God. Go down deep as you may.
Fear not for your fragility under that weight of water.
Fear not for life or limb sharks attack savagely.
Fear not the power of treacherous currents under the sea.
Simply, do not be afraid. Let go.
You will be led like a child whose mother holds him to her bosom
and against all comers is his shelter.
- Dom Helder Camera

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

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Lydia Mulkey

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Andante

Devienne

Moderato

Tulou

Joe Guevara and Marilee Castaneda

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***OPENING SONG**

Halle, Halle, Halle

HALLE HALLE

The musical score is written for four voices on a grand staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 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 score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.**
For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.
**In God's hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.**
O come, let us worship our God, our Maker,
as we stand and sing together.

* HYMN 26

We Worship You, God (vs. 1, 2, 4, and 5)

LYONS

Black Hymnal

LITANY OF FORGIVENESS AND ASSURANCE

Alicia Reese

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. With confidence in God's loving care, God's readiness to forgive and renew us, let us together make our confession. Let us pray:

Holy God, righteous and merciful, cleanse our minds and free our souls from the things that divide us from you. We have shut our eyes to your glory, our minds to your truth, and our hearts to your Spirit.

And yet we want to love you, Lord, to offer you true worship and joyful service. Pardon and deliver us from all our sins; guide us in the way we should go; and lead us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

TIME OF SHARING

Alicia Reese

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Anne Paluck

HYMN 610

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Black Hymnal

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deborah Kapp

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-43, NT p. 41

SERMON

You Give Them Something to Eat

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Black Hymnal

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING: NURSERY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Joan White

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Deborah Kapp

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

OFFERTORY

Allegretto

Wiedemann

Allegretto

Kummer

Joe Guevara and Marilee Castaneda

*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.

THE CONGREGATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We welcome you into this community and promise to journey together with you in faith. We offer ourselves as siblings in Christ, committing ourselves to care for one another. We offer ourselves as partners in ministry and mission, working to further God's work everywhere. We offer ourselves as companions, joining each other as the Body of Christ, growing together in Christian faith and practice. By God's grace we share this covenant in the name of Jesus Christ who calls us to gather in God's name.

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 495

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Black 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

Allegro risoluto
Joe Guevara and Marilee Castaneda

Popp

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING TO FIRST UNITED CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL (FUNS) SCHOLARSHIP FUND - First United Church Nursery School (FUNS) will be 60 years old in October, 2018, and for all of those years has continuously provided an excellent early education to the children of the church and community. The school is NAEYC accredited and is a Gold Circle of Quality school in the State of Illinois. Staff longevity, teacher to student ratios that exceed the norm, and adherence to curriculum standards to promote children's intellectual, social-emotional, and motor growth are hallmarks of FUNS. The Tuition Assistance Fund has made it possible for many children to attend through the years who would otherwise not have been able to be a part of FUNS.



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. This week we thank Lead Usher Gene Armstrong; Greeters: Rose Buckner, Bob & Kate Larson. and Doug Thurman and Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. 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.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

SUMMER VESPERS on Wednesday night, July 25, from 6:30 to 7:30. Weather permitting, we will worship outside around the labyrinth. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic. Each service includes a time for reflection, the opportunity to learn and engage a spiritual practice, song, and prayer. This week's spiritual practice will be eating together, and we will make a community salad. We will supply greens, dressing, and a bowl; you bring the other ingredients. It will be like *Stone Soup*, except with fresh vegetables. Vespers will occur weekly on Wednesday nights through August 15.

LEAVING A LEGACY - Please consider making a legacy gift to First United through your will or by designating the church as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance, or pension plan. When you make such a gift, please let the church know. We want to thank you and add you to our list of Kindred Spirits. Questions? Contact Gene or Ann Armstrong, geneann1113@yahoo.com or 708-657-4484, or any of the pastors.

ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPING EXTRAVAGANZA – Join us in Tower Hill, MI for First United Family Camping, August 9 through 13. See the bulletin board display and sign up in the church lounge.

POETRY OF FIRST UNITED – It's not too late! Submit verses you have written that capture your reflections of First United or church in general. All ages are encouraged to participate and all poetry forms are welcome. Length? Not too long. Poems may appear in our Centennial Celebration booklet, worship liturgy, devotionals, 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!

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 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

MONDAY, JULY 23

- 6:30 pm CMA Justice & Witness meeting
7:00 pm Food Pantry Board meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 24

- 6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

- 6:30 pm Summer Vespers worship

THURSDAY, JULY 26

- 6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading

FRIDAY, JULY 27

SATURDAY, JULY 28

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
9:30 am Stemming Gun Violence
10:00 am Summer Worship in the Lounge
5:00 pm PFLAG Dinner & a Movie

**CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM
708.386.5215**

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