

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
8 JULY 2018



At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing
Psalm 30:12

An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

The power of God made present in the word of God
– the weak and fully human word –
is the central promise of the New Testament,
present already in our story and continuing into our own day,
with its ongoing work of healing and saving.
- Frederick J. Gaiser

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Collection (from Death By Piano)
Daniel Wheelock, piano

Daniel Wheelock

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Deborah Kapp

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise, in all times and places.

*CALL TO PRAYER

Our opening hymn is an eloquent prayer of confession. As we sing together, let us reflect on our own sins, and the many ways in which we grieve God's heart.

*HYMN 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

Blue hymnal

SILENCE IS KEPT.

*ASSURANCE OF LOVE

"Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all our sin."

Friends, believe the astonishing good news of the gospel:

In Christ, God brings you new life, forgives, and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Lydia Mulkey

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

TIME FOR SHARING

Alicia Reese

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Ken Honderich

*** HYMN 195**

The Old Rugged Cross

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

Black hymnal

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Mulkey

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:21-43, NT p. 39

SERMON

Yes, And

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 380**

O Christ, the Healer (vs. 1,2,4,5)

ERHALT UNS, HERR

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

**God of glory, receive these gifts and the offerings of our lives.
As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of the world,
that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light,
and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Penultimate
Daniel Wheelock, piano

Daniel Wheelock

***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 LORD'S PRAYER

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 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Blue hymnal

*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

Theme from *The Cider House Rules*
Daniel Wheelock, piano

Rachel Portman

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED



PLEASE RECYCLE your bulletin in one of the bins near the Sanctuary exits.

COVER ART: Sadler, Roger. "An intelligent person aims at wise action...", from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55087>

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 Susan Buchanan and all the usher volunteers; Greeters Cynthia Collazo, Clara Kearley and Dale Sorenson; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher. We ask forgiveness for any omissions.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

SUMMER VESPERS BEGINS this Wednesday night, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we will meet outside and you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair. Bring a picnic, too, if you like. We'll begin by meeting, greeting, and eating together, and the formal program will start at around 6:45 p.m. The service will last about 45 minutes. Our theme for the summer is "Under Construction," and each service will feature a reflection by a church member, time to learn and explore a spiritual practice, song, and prayer. We hope to see you there! Vespers will be held weekly on Wednesday nights through August 15.

ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPING EXTRAVAGANZA at Tower Hill, MI It's SUMMERTIME and time for First United Family Camping - August 9 to 13. Pitch a tent or camper. Things to do: hike, bike, swim, relax, eat good food, make new friends, connect with old friends. Questions? Ask past participants: Teri Omert, Cerniglia Family. More info: <http://il-outdoorministries.org/tower-hill.html>. Sign up in the church lounge. \$7.00 per day per person. No pets.



An Invitation to all Poets (Seasoned and Unseasoned)

As part of our Centennial Celebration, you are invited to create a poem that captures your reflection on First United Church (past, present or future) or church in general. Our church home holds deep meaning throughout our lives as we face celebrations and challenges.

We hope to receive original poetry from people in all age groups. Type of poetry - free verse, haiku, sonnet, limerick, doggerel or your own invention. Length - not too long. Poems may appear in various places: Centennial Poetry book, worship liturgy, evotionals, posters, etc.

Drop your poem in the folder on the Elder Desk
or email to Marcia Ashton, marciaashton@msn.com.

Deadline - July 25

Questions? Contact Marcia Ashton or Lydia Mulkey, lmulkey@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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 8

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

MONDAY, JULY 9

7:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 10

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading
6:00 pm Communications Comm. (off-site)
7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
7:00 pm Newcomers Committee meeting
7:30 pm Faith in Action meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

6:30 pm Summer Vespers worship
6:30 pm PNC meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 12

1:00 pm Faith in Action meeting
7:00 pm Personnel Committee meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 13

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8:45 am First United at the Lincoln Park Zoo

SUNDAY, JULY 15

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

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

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Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry

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