

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
29 JULY 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Capriol Suite: Basse-Danse; Pieds-en-l'air
Elaine Pierce and Michael Surratt, piano four hands

Peter Warlock

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Alicia Reese

* 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

Like the disciples who paused from fishing to dine with the risen Christ,
We gather for sabbath rest, hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.

* HYMN 293

Black hymnal

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

LITANY OF WHOLENESS

Deborah Kapp

Our God, you have searched us and known us, created and loved us. You made us for worship, for song and for dance. You made us for each other, to be gathered together. In fear, we abandon our dancing and embracing. We hide away in shame.

Our God, in your love, gather us back.

When shame grips our spirits and whispers our faith is lacking,

Our God, in your love, gather us back.

When shame leaves us frozen in deep isolation,

Our God, in your love, gather us back.

When shame rages, constricting intimacy and compassion,

Our God, in your love, gather us back.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

Hear the good news! God has loved you from the beginning of time. God loves you now. God's love for you will never end. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME OF SHARING

Deborah Kapp

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Laurie Joliceour and Sara Stevenson

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-17 (CEB)

Alicia Reese

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together.

Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you."

They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish

on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

SERMON

Getting Out of the Swamp

Lydia Mulkey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 417

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (verses 1-4)

BEGINNINGS

Black hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

OFFERTORY

Capriol Suite: Pavane

Peter Warlock

*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

Alicia Reese

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 41**
Black hymnal

I Thank You, Jesus

THANK YOU, JESUS

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Lydia Mulkey

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***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

Capriol Suite: Mattachins (Sword Dance)

Peter Warlock

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 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 Bonnie Mize; Greeters: Marsha Hubbuch, Vicky Lekovish and Jim Wisuri; 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 continues this week on Wednesday night, August 1, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: Please join us on Sundays in August, following morning worship, for discussions about our congregation's identity, purpose, mission, and the leadership we need. These structured discussions, which will inform the work of the PNC, will be held in the church lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

- August 5: Who are we? A discussion focusing on our presence in our neighborhood.
- August 12: Who are we? A theological discussion.
- August 19: Who is my neighbor? A discussion of demographics, diversity, and community needs.
- August 26: What are some of the challenges we face as a congregation, and what does that imply about the leadership we need?

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 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

MONDAY, JULY 30

TUESDAY, JULY 31

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading
6:00 pm Planned Giving meeting (away)
6:30 pm PNC meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:30 pm Summer Vespers worship

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

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10:00 am Summer Worship in the Lounge
11:30 am Congregational Conversations - PNC

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