

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
5 AUGUST 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“There is communion of more than our bodies when bread is broken and wine drunk.”

— M.F.K. Fisher

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Death by Piano Medley

Daniel Wheelock

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.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

From before the world began
and after the end of eternity,

You are God.

From the sea bursting out of its womb
to the wind ceasing from its chase,

You are God.

In the constancy of created things
and in their fickleness,

You are God.

In the vastness of the universe
and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

You are God.

You are our God

and we worship you.

*** HYMN 349**

Black hymnal

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

In faith let us come before the Holy God and admit who we are:

We are the people of the new heaven and the new earth, but we fall far short of that hope.

We are the people who receive the grace of God, but we fail to offer it to others.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Ask and you shall receive.

Seek and you shall find.

Knock and life will be opened before you.

Rise up and live in freedom and faith.

TIME FOR SHARING

Alicia Reese

HYMN 593 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (stanzas 1, 2)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Don Register

HYMN 593 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (stanza 3)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Mulkey

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:1-5, 13-15, OT p. 62

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:24-35, NT p. 98

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

What Is It?

PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

Aftermath

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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Lydia Mulkey and Alicia Reese

* **HYMN OF INVITATION 331** *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*
Black hymnal

THE CALL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 made this world marvelous for us to enjoy.

[Prayer continues]

We join with angels and saints in this hymn of praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

LAND OF REST
arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth — are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
Bles - sed is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

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For your kindness to us and your goodness to all, we give you thanks.

[Prayer continues]

We pray with the words our brother Jesus taught us, saying together,

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. As you reach the servers, break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Gluten-free bread is available.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*HYMN 89

Awake, Awake

MORNING SONG

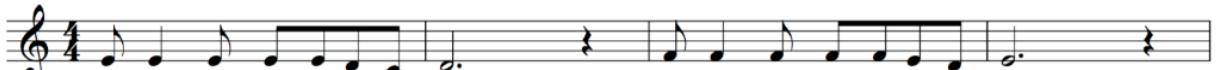
Black hymnal

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

Amnis Fluxus

Daniel Wheelock

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.

WE WELCOME BACK DANIEL WHELOCK to Sunday worship. Daniel played on July 8 and is making a return appearance, this time playing the music for today's entire service—including pieces he has written himself. A First United member, Daniel is on summer break from Georgetown University. Thanks, Daniel!

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 Communion coordinators Karin Pietrini and Bobbie Kmiec and all the Communion servers; Lead Usher Gene Armstrong; Greeters: Marge Lyon, Bonnie Mize and Debby Preiser. 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

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

Today: 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?

SUMMER VESPERS continues this week on Wednesday night, August 8, 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.

PRIME TIME ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC – Prime Timers will gather at the Giles' home, 1035 N Kenilworth, on August 18 at 5:00 p.m. for our annual picnic for those 60+. RSVP to Anna Sadowski at annahsadowski@gmail.com and tell her what you can bring (along with \$5 and a chair!) Bring memories of your early church days and stories of how you came to be at First United!

FIRST UNITED FAMILY CAMPING - August 9 – August 13. Pitch a tent or camper. Hike, bike, swim, relax, eat good food, make new friends. See Bulletin board in the lounge! Questions? Ask past participants: Teri Omert, Cerniglia Family. <http://il-outdoorministries.org/tower-hill.html>
Sign up in the church lounge or tomert@comcast.net. \$7.00 per day per person. No pets.

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 Lydia Mulkey at 708.386.5215 or lmulkey@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. 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'.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Summer Worship, Communion
11:30 am Congregational Conversations

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading
6:00 pm Communications Comm. meeting
7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting
7:00 pm Deacon Board meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 pm Summer Vespers worship

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Summer Reading
7:00 pm Personnel Committee meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 am Pro Musica Staff meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Summer Worship in the Lounge
11:30 am Congregational Conversations

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

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