

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
2 SEPTEMBER 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“All I’m askin’
Is for a little respect. . .
Now (just a little bit)
R.E.S.P.E.C.T.
Find out what it means to me.
R.E.S.P.E.C.T.”

- Otis Redding, as embellished by Aretha Franklin

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Medley of Hymns

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

HALLEHALLE

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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first three staves end with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* INVOCATION (UNISON)

Great and loving God,
we come to you emptied of all that would distract,
seeking all that would redeem.
Let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable,
not so familiar as to be conventional.
Prepare us for the unexpected.
Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit,
in praise of our Savior. Amen.

* HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Blue hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our first scripture lesson this morning comes to us from the letter of James. In it James reminds his readers of our tendency to play favorites and to be judgmental of others for the wrong reasons. As we hear these words, let us consider our own failings, and ask God to forgive us.

Scripture Reading: James 2: 1-4, 8-9, 12-13, NT p. 229

SILENCE IS KEPT.

God is compassionate and merciful, very patient and full of steadfast love.

**God doesn't deal with us according to our wrongdoing,
because as high as heaven is above the earth,
that's how large God's faithful love is.**

As far as east is from the west,
that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

**Like parents feel compassion for their children –
that's how God feels compassion for us,
because God knows how we are made,
and God remembers that we are only human.**

Friends, know that you are loved and forgiven, and be at peace.

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Claudette Zobel

HYMN 432

Canto de Esperanza, Song of Hope

ARGENTINA

Blue Hymnal

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deborah Kapp

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30, NT p. 42

SERMON

WWJD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 386

O for a World

AZMON

Blue hymnal

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Arise Chicago

The Rev. C. J. Hawking

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

OFFERTORY

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways

GERMANY

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 Bonnie Mize; Greeters Marsha Hubbuch, Bob & Kate Larson, Marge Lyon and Debby Preiser; 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

THE FIRST UNITED SANCTUARY CHOIR will be resuming on Gathering Day! If you'd like to sing with this fine group of people, join us at our first rehearsal next week Wednesday night, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. There will be music, companionship, and some light refreshments to start the choir year. Contact Bill Chin (bill@firstunitedoakpark.com) if you have any questions.

CENTENNIAL PICNIC AND GAMES - Come to our BIG Picnic after worship on September 16. This event highlights our year-long Centennial Celebration. Lots of games for children of all ages. Don't miss the Brown Cow sundae bar, Oak Park Farmer's Market Band and GIANT bubble making wand. Please bring a side or dessert share and a blanket or chairs for the lawn. Suggested donation: \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

DINNER AND A MOVIE - Join the First United family as we watch Victoria and Abdul, the extraordinary true story of a friendship between Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) and a young Indian clerk. Friday, September 14. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (\$5.00 donation requested) Bring food to share if desired. Movie: 6:30 p.m. (free). Reserve with Nancy Pennington (708-386-9195) or on the sign-up sheet on the lounge desk.

CLUSTER TUTORING NEEDS YOU! Why not make this the year to become a tutor? No expertise or teaching experience required, just a desire to help a young person learn. Tutors meet weekly for one-to-one learning with students from Chicago's Austin neighborhood. Information sessions for new tutors are 6:30 p.m. September 11 and September 13 at First United. Questions? Email info@clustertutoring.org or call (773) 378-5530.

HOUSE TO HOME KIT DONATIONS – The Housing Team is partnering with Housing Forward to collect items for House-to-Home kits to relocate five families from homelessness to permanent housing. Pick up a list of needed items at sanctuary entrances, sign up in the church lounge, or go to the SignUp Genius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2ba3f58-housing>. Bring items to church from September 9 through October. 14. Questions? Contact Charlie Morris, (cmorris91120@gmail.com) or Ann Armstrong (geneann1113@yahoo.com).

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

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 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.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Summer Worship
6:30 pm Summer Shelter Program

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Church office closed

6:30 pm Summer Shelter Program
7:00 pm Deacon Board meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 am Nursery School staff meeting
6:00 pm Communications Committee
7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting
7:00 pm Governance Task Force
7:00 pm Planned Giving meeting
7:30 pm Faith in Action meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 pm FUJI Parent orientation
7:45 pm FUSH Parent orientation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 pm SOPRF Chorus Auditions

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:30 pm Summer Shelter Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
9:30 am Gathering Day
9:30 am Christian Education, all ages
11:00 am Gathering Day Worship
6:00 pm FUSH/FUJI Welcome BBQ

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

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Barbara Metric, Council Clerk

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Maureen Wheeler, Financial Consultant (ext. 106)

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First United Church Nursery School

Housing Forward

Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry

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Pro Musica Youth Chorus

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