

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**14 OCTOBER 2018**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Fill your life with experiences, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show.”  
-Unknown

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

GATHERING MUSIC

*Jesus Loves Me*

J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Sophie Lever

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**\*OPENING SONG**

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords: a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a dotted quarter note C5, a dotted quarter note D5, a dotted quarter note E5, a dotted quarter note F#5, and a dotted quarter note G5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: a dotted quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note A2, a dotted quarter note B2, a dotted quarter note C3, a dotted quarter note D3, a dotted quarter note E3, a dotted quarter note F#3, and a dotted quarter note G3.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords: a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a dotted quarter note C5, a dotted quarter note D5, a dotted quarter note E5, a dotted quarter note F#5, and a dotted quarter note G5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: a dotted quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note A2, a dotted quarter note B2, a dotted quarter note C3, a dotted quarter note D3, a dotted quarter note E3, a dotted quarter note F#3, and a dotted quarter note G3.

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace Kopka

Please remain standing and join me in our call to worship.

Treasure is...

**Gold and silver, frankincense and myrrh.**

Treasure is...

**Loving and being loved.**

Treasure is...

**Precious memories and priceless heirlooms.**

Come...

**Bringing treasure, seeking treasure.**

Come...

**To treasure, to be treasured.**

## \*HYMN 369

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

Blue hymnal

## CALL TO PRAYER

Camryn Zdziarski-West

Please join me in our unison prayer for wholeness...

## PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

**Merciful God, we become so enamored with the glitz and glamour in our society. We have so much and yet want more. We see and give into the advertisements in media, believing we need to gather more possessions to be happy or to fit in. Forgive our materialism and our vanity. Break the chains of our enslavement to greed and to our oppressive desire to feel accepted at the cost of our dignity. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom of heaven are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to serve others, to love others, so that we can be your disciples doing your good work.**

SILENCE IS KEPT.

## ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Caroline Lever

God hears us and knows us. You are loved, you are worthy, you are enough, just the way you are. Through the power and love of Jesus Christ we are made whole.

**Thanks be to God!**

## TIME FOR SHARING

8th Graders

## **BAPTISM OF CORA JENKINS**

Deborah Kapp, Gene Armstrong, and the Jenkins Family

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism for Cora Marie Jenkins, who is here with her parents Amanda and Dana.

**There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

**There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.**

**Council Member:** When the poor and needy search for water, and none is to be found, and their tongues are parched with thirst, then God will answer them. God will not abandon them. God will make rivers run on barren heights and fountains in the valleys. God will turn the wilderness into lake and dry lands into springs of water.

**Living Water to all who thirst, in you we live and have our being.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst again. For the water that I give will become a spring within, welling up to eternal life."

**Living Water to all who thirst, in you we live and have our being.**

**Council Member:** The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to the springs of living water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

**Living Water to all who thirst, in you we live and have our being.**

Pastor: As we celebrate this sacrament today, let us all remember with joy our own baptism.

**Let us remember that we all – now and forever – belong to God.**

**Council Member:** On behalf of the Church Council, I present Cora Marie Jenkins to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

## **QUESTIONS TO THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY**

Pastor: Do you desire to have you child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parent/s: We do.

Pastor: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach this faith to your children?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Do you promise, with the help of God, to be followers of God, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of the Holy as best you are able?

Parents: We do, with the help of God.

**Council Member:** Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ? If so, please join me in the congregational covenant:

**In this act of surpassing grace, we witness the power of God.**

**In baptism, we become newly aware of God's abundant love and mercy.**

**God calls each of us wherever we are, whoever we are, to share in the joy of God's presence in a community of faith.**

**As people who strive to follow Jesus Christ more closely each day, we welcome you, Cora, to our common journey.**

**Trusting God, we offer you our support and care.**

## BLESSING, POURING THE WATERS, AND BAPTISM

[Church School student pours water as pastor prays.]

Source of love, Mother and Father of all living creatures,

Pour out your Spirit upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth.

May all who pass through these waters be delivered to new life,

From bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness.

Bind them to the household of faith, guard them from all evil.

Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new.

To you be all praise, honor and glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE BAPTISM

### WELCOME

Council Member: Cora has been received into the church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God. Let us welcome our newest sibling in Christ.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Appalachian Folk Melody



Bless the Lord, O \_\_\_\_\_ my soul; And all that is with-in me, bless God's ho-ly name!



Bless the Lord, O \_\_\_\_\_ my soul, And for - get not all God's be-ne-fits.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31, NT p. 46

7th Grader

### SERMON

Reflections by FUSH Youth

Matt Aeschleman

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN

*The Summons*

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but  
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where  
 call your name? Will you care for  
 call your name? Will you set the  
 call your name? Will you quell the  
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?  
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?  
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?  
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?  
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do  
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me  
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to  
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and  
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?  
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?  
 what I mean In you and you in me?  
 touch and sound In you and you in me?  
 live and grow In you and you in me.

## OFFERTORY

*Lord You Are*

FUSH Youth

Lord you are more precious than silver,  
Lord you are more costly than gold,  
Lord you are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with you.

## \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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

Jane Vachon

**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 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Black hymnal

## PNC UPDATE

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Lydia Mulkey

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Matt Aeschleman

As we go out into the world, let us remember the ways in which we, the community of First United, are striving to make a difference...

**We are moving from words to witness in our relationship with God,  
From individualism to intimate fellowship in our relationship with each other,  
From charity to changing structures of injustice in our relationship with the world.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Danish Amen*



A-men, a-men, a - men.

**SENDING MUSIC**

*Fanfare*

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

## TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

**FUSH THANKS FIRST UNITED** today following worship, in Centennial Hall. Photos and testimonies of our Mission Trip in Washington will be shared and snacks will be provided. We appreciate all of you, the friends and members of First United, who have supported our youth through fundraisers, gifts, and prayers. Please join FUSH so they can say Thank You!



**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 Greeters Cynthia Collazo, Clara Kearley, Anne Paluck and Doug Thurman; Lead Usher Bob Larson; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Third Grade Church School Acolytes. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. We need more people for this work! If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries might be a fit for you, contact Joanne Despotes at [jdespotes@gmail.com](mailto:jdespotes@gmail.com) or 708-209-1377.



## EVENTS AND UPDATES

**NEXT WEEK WE WELCOME** the Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray to our pulpit. Dr. Ray is the new president of Chicago Theological Seminary. A graduate of Charter Oak State College, Yale Divinity School, and Yale University, Dr. Ray's current work focuses on reinvigorating the public square and reclaiming a vital expression of progressive religion. He is best known to members and friends of First United as one of the co-authors of the White Privilege curriculum used last year in our adult education program.

**PRIME TIME (60+) OCTOBER SURPRISE** Join friends at Mary Sue's condo party room, 203 N Kenilworth, Oak Park, Saturday October 20, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., for an evening of fellowship - and surprises! Bring a good October story (scary? funny?) along with \$5 and a dish to share. RSVP to Anna Sadowski - [annahsadowski@gmail.com](mailto:annahsadowski@gmail.com) or 708-386-7896. Parking available in church lot!

**NEW MEMBERS FALL SESSION STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!** Our new member class is perfect for regular churchgoers interested in becoming First United members and for newcomers wanting to know more about us. A series of four classes give our attendees a great base of knowledge on life at First United and a chance to formally join our membership. Classes start October 21 at 9:30 a.m.; meet in the chapel. Contact Lydia at [lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com) for more information.

**YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB** - Our text: "This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women" originated as a radio series so many of the essays are available online. Visit [tinyurl.com/y9wcsdaj](http://tinyurl.com/y9wcsdaj) to see this week's reading assignment and meet up location! Happening each Monday in October. Contact Ally Vertigan with questions at [allyvertigan@gmail.com](mailto:allyvertigan@gmail.com).

**HELP CUB SCOUT TROOP 16** and be a partner in the ABC Promise Partnership. Plastic lids and caps are generally not recyclable in business and residential recycling programs. They CAN be recycled into a public bench that will be installed in Oak Park. A list of acceptable items can be found in the church lounge and you can bring your contributions here. A list of acceptable items to recycle can also be found at [www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-program/](http://www.greentreeplastics.com/abc-program/).

**HELP NEEDED FOR PADS.** We need several regular volunteers to help staff our shifts on the 3rd and 5th (if there is one) weeks of the month. Our dinner shift is fully staffed (thanks to all who volunteered), but we are still looking for help on Tuesday mornings (5:00 a.m. – 7:30 am). For more information, talk to Deborah Kapp after church or contact Matt Kemper, [mattkemper1227@gmail.com](mailto:mattkemper1227@gmail.com), our site supervisor. This is an important commitment that we have made, and we need your help.

We also need your help with providing supplies for the PADS lunches that our church school classes make and pack. Juice boxes, individually packaged snacks and desserts, paper lunch bags, napkins, and plastic sandwich bags are all acceptable donations. Bring as much as you can! Thank you for your support!

**KIDS' KLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Kids' Kloset is open from October 24 through February. Volunteers are needed as personal shoppers or sorters, especially on Saturday mornings. We are open for customers on Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., and three Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. These are easy, enjoyable jobs that provide us with an opportunity to work in the community and serve others. Volunteering once, twice, or three times a month is fine, and your children may find it fun to join you. It is our hope to help families that are financially challenged clothe their children for the winter at extremely reasonable prices. For more information, contact Susan Zaruba at [susanzaruba@gmail.com](mailto:susanzaruba@gmail.com).

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*words to witness  
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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.
- 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](mailto: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](http://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/giving).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 am Church School for all ages  
9:30 am Technology Help Desk  
11:00 am Worship  
12:30 pm Personnel Committee meeting  
4:00 pm Church School's Got Talent!  
6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:00 pm Monday Bible Study  
6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter  
6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting  
7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting  
7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 am Cooking Class for Seniors  
4:00 pm Pro Musica rehearsal  
6:30 pm PNC meeting  
7:00 pm Council meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 am FUNS Board meeting  
11:00 am Wednesday Small Group  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm So You Want to Talk About Race  
7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer meeting  
7:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Board meeting

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:00 pm FUNS Ice Cream Social

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group  
10:00 am Northern IL PFLAG Council  
2:30 pm Mary Hunt Memorial  
5:00 pm Prime Time October Surprise

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 am Church School for all ages  
9:30 am Technology Help Desk  
11:00 am Worship  
6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH

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

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