

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**30 SEPTEMBER 2018**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*"Faith is the redemption of solitude. It is about relationships – between us and G-d, us and our family, us and our neighbors, us and our people, us and human kind. . . . It is about the bonds that tie us one to another and to the Author of all. It is, in the highest sense, about friendship."*

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Variations on Now Let Us All Praise God*

Vincent Lübeck

**WELCOME**

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Alicia Reese

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

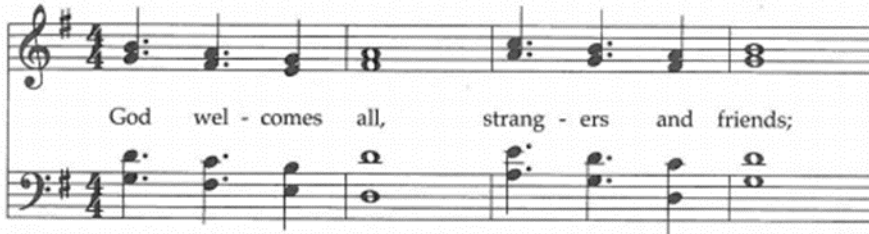
The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

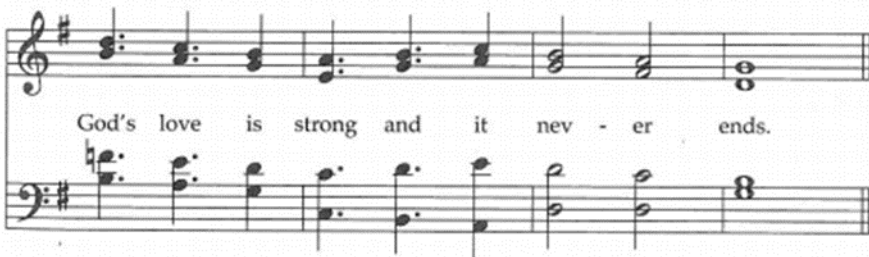
**\*OPENING SONG**

*God Welcomes All*

**THEMBA AMEN**



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



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

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all the earth acclaim God.

**Sing to the glory of her name.**

Come and see what God has done.

**Let the sound of praise be heard.**

**Blessed is God who has not withdrawn from us.**

**Her tender love and care.**

Let us worship God.

## \* HYMN 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Blue hymnal

## PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Bob Berry

**God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new day.**

**Help us not to cling to yesterday, nor covet tomorrow,  
but to accept the uniqueness of today.**

Silence is kept

By your love, celebrated in your Word,  
seen in your Son, brought near by your Spirit,  
Take from us all we need carry no longer,  
that we may be free again to choose to serve you  
and be served by each other.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,  
and at the day's beginning we commit ourselves to follow where Christ calls  
and to love one another. Amen.**

## TIME FOR SHARING

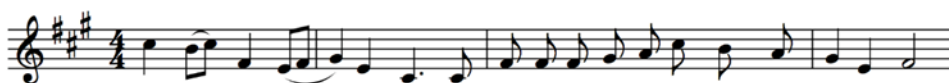
Alicia Reese

# 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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-18, 24-29, OT p. 129

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Feed Me Till I Want No More

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 391

*Take My Life*

HENDON

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*Is Any Afflicted?*

William Billings

Is any afflicted, let him pray.

Is any of you merry, let him sing psalms,

Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and songs of joy and praise.

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Bob Berry

**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 281**  
Blue hymnal

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

Deborah Kapp

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Danish Amen*

Amen, a-men, a - men.

The image shows a musical score for a benediction response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting with a G4 quarter note, followed by a G4 quarter note, then a G4 quarter note, and finally a G4 quarter note. The bass line is written in the bass clef, starting with a G2 quarter note, followed by a G2 quarter note, then a G2 quarter note, and finally a G2 quarter note. The lyrics 'Amen, a-men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the first 'Amen' aligned under the first G4 note, 'a-men' under the second G4 note, and 'a - men.' under the third and fourth G4 notes.

**SENDING MUSIC**

*Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## 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 Greeters Christine Davis, Marilyn Kauffmann, Anne Paluck and Dale Sorenson; Lead Usher Nell Lurain; Sanctuary Guild

members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher and the Church School Acolytes. 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](mailto:jdespotes@gmail.com) or 708-209-1377.

**FUJI GOES APPLE PICKING** - FUJI will trek out to an apple orchard this afternoon where they will pick apples to donate to the OPRF Food Pantry. Bring money if you would like to pick apples for yourself!

**FALL PEACE VIGIL** – 7:00 p.m., Lake Street Steps - Please join us for an opportunity to share our concerns and our grief, to sing and to pray for peace in our streets, communities, country and around the world.

## EVENTS AND UPDATES

**HELP NEEDED FOR PADS.** We need 5 or 6 regular volunteers to help staff our shifts on the 3rd and 5th (if there is one) weeks of the month. We need help on the Monday dinner shift (6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.) and also on Tuesday mornings (5:00 a.m. – 7:30 am). For more information, talk to Deborah Kapp after church or contact Stephanie Schrodts, [theschrodts@yahoo.com](mailto:theschrodts@yahoo.com) or Matt Kemper, [mattkemper1227@gmail.com](mailto:mattkemper1227@gmail.com), who are our site supervisors. 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!

**HOUSE TO HOME KITS.** Sustainable housing benefits everyone, especially the five homeless families our Kits will provide the key to open the door to permanent housing. Sign up in the church lounge or at SignUp Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2ba3f58-housing>. Questions? Contact Charlie Morris, ([cmorris91120@gmail.com](mailto:cmorris91120@gmail.com)) or Ann Armstrong ([geneann1113@yahoo.com](mailto:geneann1113@yahoo.com)). Bring items to church by October 14.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE** - Friday, October 12: *The Post*. When the "Washington Post" agrees to publish the leaked Pentagon Papers, which point to a secret escalation of the Vietnam War, the Nixon administration tries to block publication, setting off an epic legal and political battle. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie (free) at 6:30 p.m. Sign up in lounge or call Barbara Ballinger, 708-386-3230.

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBSITE?** In case you missed flyers announcing adult education classes, book groups, Music At First concerts, or how to get involved in mission volunteer opportunities, details are available at <https://www.firstunitedoakpark.com>. Check an appropriate page from the drop-down navigation bar or just use the search button.

# 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](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).



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 9:30 am Church School for all ages
- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
- 9:45 am House to Home Kit Sign-up
- 11:00 am Worship with 4th Sunday Offering
- 12:00 pm PNC Meeting
- 1:45 pm FUJI Goes Apple Picking!
- 6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH
- 7:00 pm Fall Peace Vigil

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 6:00 pm Monday Bible Study
- 6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter
- 7:00 pm FUNS Parent meeting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 4:00 pm Pro Musica rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Communications Comm. meeting
- 7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting
- 7:00 pm Deacon Board meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
- 6:45 pm Deacon meeting
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 pm So You Want to Talk About Race

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 6:00 pm FUSH Fall Retreat

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 9:00 am Scout Sanctuary cleaning

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:30 am Church School Leader breakfast
- 9:30 am Church School for all ages
- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
- 9:45 am House to Home Kit Sign-up
- 11:00 am Worship with Communion
- 6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH

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

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Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry

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