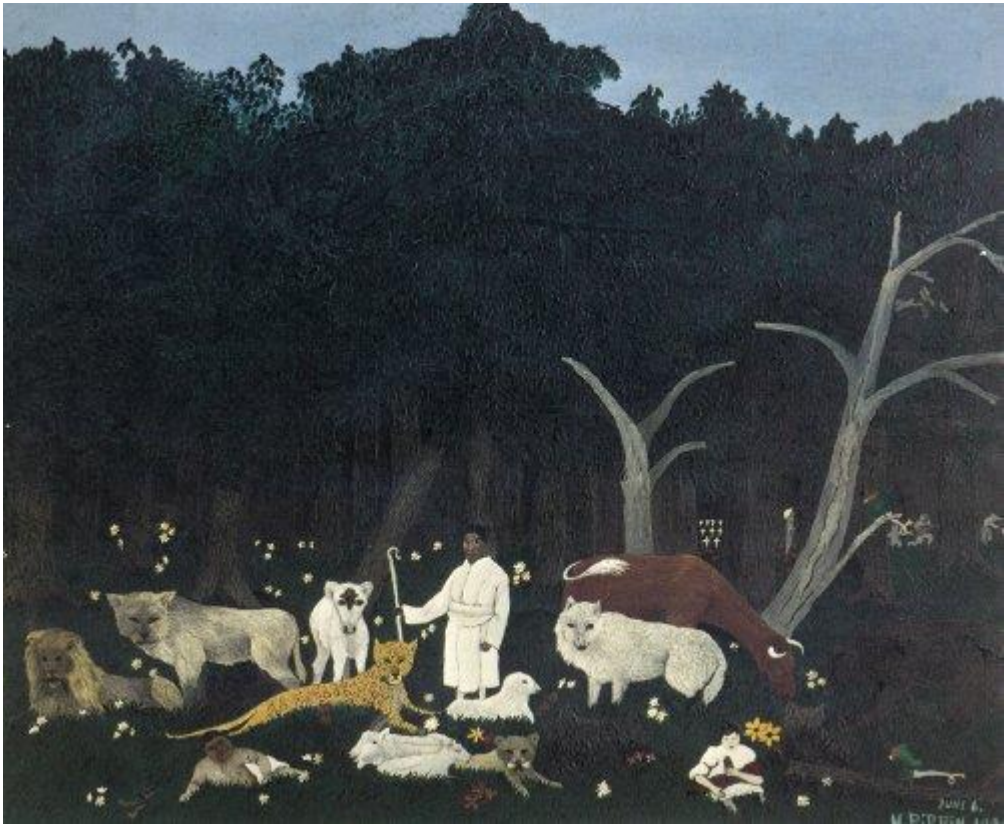


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
11 NOVEMBER 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

- Peace Prayer of St. Francis

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Adagio

Frank Bridge

THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Deborah Kapp

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

***OPENING SONG**

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kregg Raducha

The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.

If the Lord's disciples keep silent, these stones would shout aloud.

Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*** HYMN 489**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Blue hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

Lydia Mulkey

With trust in God's mercy, let us together confess our sins as a people, and acknowledge our need for God's transformation. Let us sing. (You may remain seated.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: HYMN 291 *O God of Earth and Altar*

LLANGLOFFAN

Blue hymnal

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

TIME FOR SHARING

Deborah Kapp

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

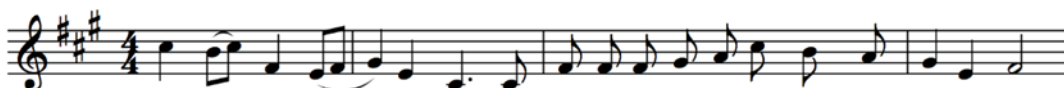
Lydia Mulkey

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

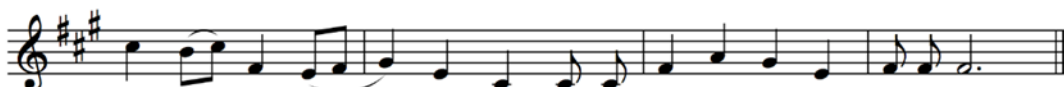
SONG OF ILLUMINATION

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

Isaiah 2:1-4, OT p. 631

David Kahlow

SERMON

God's Big Dream

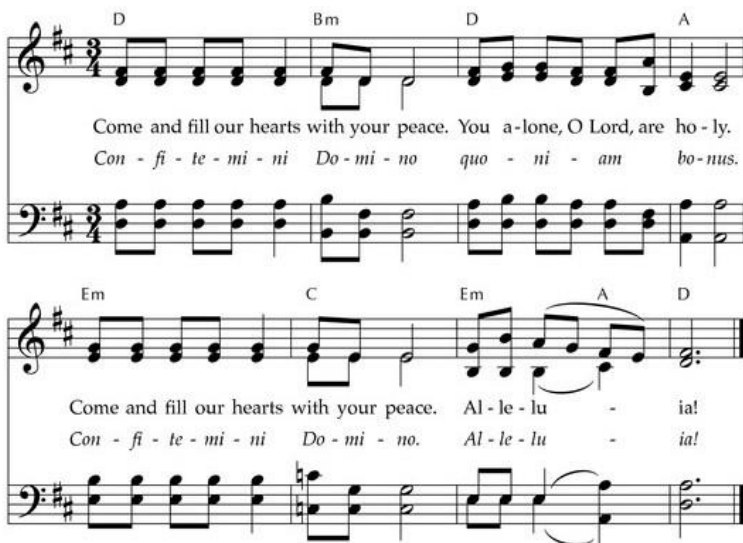
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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Jacques Berthier



Chords: D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

OFFERTORY

O Day of Peace

C.H.H. Parry, arr. Robert J. Powell

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love; Delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, Nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze; A little Child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, All creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, For all the earth shall know the Lord.

- Carl P. Daw Jr.

*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.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alicia Reese

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

A Prayer from Kenya

Kregg Raducha and David Kahlow

Almighty God, we pray for your peace to prevail on earth;
for peace that is life-giving;
for peace that is love-bearing;
for peace that is true freedom;
for peace that is purposeful.

We pray for children in time of war; they are defenseless.
We pray for the old; they are unable to escape danger quickly.
We pray for those with physical disabilities; they are at the mercy of others.
We pray for women; they are vulnerable to abuse.
We pray for the innocent; they suffer from the unjust desires of others.

We pray for those whose lives have been changed by war:
the blinded, the burned; those who have lost limbs;
those who have lost their peace of mind;
those who have lost their health and strength forever.

O God, above all we pray for those in anguish, those whose lives will never be the same again;
those who have lost their loved ones; those who have lost their lives.

Deepen in us our desire for peace, restore our resolve for peace, increase our intent to work for peace. Will for us your peace, perfect and prevailing for your Son, our Savior Christ's sake. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*HYMN 562

Blue hymnal

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Deborah Kapp

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Danish Amen



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

The image shows a musical score for a vocal 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 treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords, with a final half note. The lyrics 'A-men, a-men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with a long dash under the 'a' in the final 'men'.

SENDING MUSIC

Trumpet Tune

David German

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

TODAY MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I. We are joining other congregations in our community and tolling our bells at 11:00 a.m. as part of the ceremony that is being held this morning in Scoville Park in collaboration with the Oak Park Public Library.

THANKS TO Kregg Raducha and David Kahlow for their leadership in worship today.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, please join us in the Lounge for Second Sunday Sundaes! Ice cream and toppings are provided courtesy of the Seventh Grade Church School Class.



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 Greeters: Cynthia Collazo, Christine Davis, Clara Kearley, and Doug Thurman; Lead Usher: Ted Despotes; Sanctuary Guild members: Marilyn Heinrichs and Nina Roher; and the 7th 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, please contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

TODAY'S COVER ART is *Holy Mountain I*, 1944, by Horace Pippin.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - If you knit or crochet or are interested in learning, if you are looking to connect in a small group setting, looking for a way to get involved, help foster a community of care, and/or want to try out a new spiritual practice – please join us on either the 2nd Monday of the month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. OR the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for fellowship, prayer, and a time for reflection. Our first meetings will be Monday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday November 27 at 1:00 p.m.

2018 POINSETTIAS. It's time to order and dedicate 2018 poinsettias! Gifts of poinsettias purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one, commemorating an event, or for another reason important to you are appreciated. Fill out an order envelope, located at either sanctuary entrance, and return it in the offering plate or to the First United office by December 14. Or, go to the "Give" link on the home page of the First United website and you will find an electronic form to purchase a poinsettia. Those who are honored will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve worship bulletins.

MIDPOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE - Mark your calendars! Come celebrate Christmas with the MIDPOINT Group! SATURDAY DECEMBER 1 at the home of Melinda Haag and Jane Barker (7426 Iowa St, River Forest). The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring your best (or worst??) for the White Elephant gift exchange! Please bring your favorite beer or wine along with a savory or sweet treat to share. An annual tradition, please join us.

IT'S TIME TO SPONSOR-A-FAMILY The Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program needs sponsors to buy Christmas presents for needy families. Sign up on November Sundays and pick a gift tag for one individual or a family. Gifts are due on Sunday, December 2. Look for Sher Watts Spooner next to the Christmas tree in the lounge; call 708-383-4408; or e-mail sandaspooner@comcast.net.

DINNER AND A MOVIE - Friday, November 16: *First Reformed*. Mired in guilt over his son's death, the pastor of a small church agrees to counsel a pregnant congregant and her environmentalist husband, who challenges the clergyman's views and leads him to embrace the same cause, regardless of the consequences. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 p.m. (free) Sign up in lounge or call Cynthia Collazo, 708-383-9228.

THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS STORE will be open four Sundays, beginning November 25, from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Find beautiful and delicious items from SERRV, Equal Exchange and our local Quilters Club. Create a meaningful donation gift through our Mission Partners: BUILD, Prevail, Housing Forward (PADS), Church World Service, Clustor Tutoring, and Kid's Kloset. While the pecan farm has closed down, many favorites including fair trade chocolate, coffee and olive oil are back. Shop at the ACS for thoughtful gifts that model and reinforce your commitment to support our Mission Partners. Rethink your giving this year.

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.
- 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 am Sponsor-a-Family signup
9:30 am Church School for all ages
9:30 am Newcomers Class
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Second Sunday Sundaes
5:30 pm FUSH visits the Boulevard

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Church Office Closed
6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter
7:00 pm Planned Giving meeting
7:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts
7:00 pm PNC meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 am FUNS P/T Conferences
4:00 pm Pro Musica rehearsal
5:30 pm Communications Committee
7:00 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Newcomers' Committee
7:00 pm Youth Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 am FUNS Board meeting
11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 pm Dinner & A Movie

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group
8:30 am Quest Food Pantry Valets

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 am Church School Leader breakfast
9:00 am Sponsor-a-Family signup
9:30 am Church School for all ages
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm FUSH and FUJI

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Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

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The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry

susanzaruba@gmail.com

Cluster Tutoring

773-378-5530, www.clustertutoring.org

Pro Musica Youth Chorus

708-406-9597, www.promusicayouthchorus.org

Samaritan Counseling Center

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