

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
28 OCTOBER 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invited by the great sweetness of God's beneficence and goodness,
let us study to love and serve him with all our heart.

-John Calvin

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

GATHERING MUSIC
Ellington

Come Sunday

Duke

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.

***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 whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), a half note chord (F#4, A4), a quarter note chord (F#4), a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), a half note chord (F#4, A4), a quarter note chord (F#4), a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), and a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5). The bass staff contains a series of chords: a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), a half note chord (F#2, A2), a quarter note chord (F#2), a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), a half note chord (F#2, A2), a quarter note chord (F#2), a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), and a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3).

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 whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), a half note chord (F#4, A4), a quarter note chord (F#4), a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), a half note chord (F#4, A4), a quarter note chord (F#4), a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), a half note chord (F#4, A4), a quarter note chord (F#4), a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5), and a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5). The bass staff contains a series of chords: a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), a half note chord (F#2, A2), a quarter note chord (F#2), a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), a half note chord (F#2, A2), a quarter note chord (F#2), a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), a half note chord (F#2, A2), a quarter note chord (F#2), a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3), and a whole note chord (F#2, A2, C3).

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God our father, mother, creator, and protector,
made in your image, we adore you.

Christ our brother, friend, servant, and savior,
converted by your love, we adore you.

Holy Spirit, our inspirer, comforter, counsel, and defender,
blessed by your presence, we adore you.

In gratitude and hope, let us worship God.

*HYMN 251

I Greet You, Sure Redeemer

TOULON

Black hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

Alicia Reese

“You are the source of mercy and of grace, the life by which alone we live.” With trust in God’s loving care, which accompanies us on every step of our journey, let us unite our hearts in prayer.

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Loving and merciful God, in Jesus Christ you take upon yourself all our burdens.

You free us from all that weighs us down, so that we constantly begin anew.

**You lead us on, with lightened step, from worrying toward trusting,
from weariness towards well-being,**

from our own will towards the vision of your coming kingdom.

Make us servants of your gospel,

that we may know your peace and the world be bright with hope.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

May this gospel good news fill our hearts, awaken our minds,
and embolden our discipleship. Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

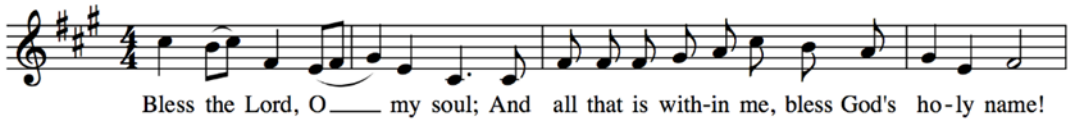
Lydia Mulkey

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Appalachian Folk Melody



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 34: 1-8, OT p. 508
Mark 4: 1-9, NT p. 38

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Magnify the Lord with Me

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 425

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

Black hymnal

MOMENT FOR GIVING

Janet Gow, Housing Forward

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

OFFERTORY

The Good Shepherd

Zebulon M. Highben

My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. I know them; I give them eternal life.
My sheep hear my voice and they follow me. I am the good shepherd of all.

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.
In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream.

You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,
and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Alicia Reese

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**

Celebration Hymn

LANCASHIRE

1

What gift have we to offer
To God our Lord and King
For life that springs eternal
And joy that Christ can bring?
His presence with us constant,
His love renewed each day,
For all that he has given
What can we bring today?

2

In humble dedication
Our lives to him we bring.
In tuneful adoration
Our songs of praises ring.
Our hands stretched out to others,
Our goods and strengths we share.
Our fellowship unending
For each one's needs we care.

3

To all the world we witness
That God still lives today.
Let each one meet the challenge
As God shows us the way.
In unity our faith will grow.
We answer God's command.
In prayerful consecration
United now we stand.

***CHARGE**

Let us go into the world in peace. In our everyday living, may we embody the faith and hope that we express in worship:

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.

May God grant us grace to love and serve faithfully, and may God bless us with kindness, courage, and peace.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Danish Amen



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

SENDING MUSIC

Stephen Schwartz

All Good Gifts

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING - Share generously to support homeless individuals and families as they achieve housing stability. Our gifts support the furnishing of housewares and linens to give the family a good start. Our financial gifts support the services and items needed for their success. Thank you for your generosity.

THANKS TO JULIAN CHIN for beginning and ending worship today with music, for accompanying the choir and supporting our congregational singing, and for generally holding things together in the absence of Mike Surratt. Mike will be back next week.

OUR CLOSING HYMN THIS MORNING was written in 1975 by a member of our church, Mildred L. Sizer. She wrote it to commemorate the establishment of First United Church of Oak Park. Thanks, Mildred, and thanks to Priscilla Sibley for keeping such good files.



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: Joanne Despotes, Susan Saliny and Dale Sorenson; Lead Usher: Nell Lurain; Sanctuary Guild members: Marilyn Heinrichs and Nina Roher and the Third Grade Church School Acolytes. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. 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.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

ADULT EDUCATION CLIMATE JUSTICE SERIES: November 4 (new date): “What Can You Do?” Laura Brown on native plants and pollinators, plus ComEd on saving money/saving energy in your residence. November 11: “Local Solutions.” Mindy Agnew, Oak Park Sustainability Coordinator. November 18 (new date): “Climate Change Around the World.” Global forecasts and solutions, plus public health impacts in Illinois. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Centennial Hall

MUSIC AT FIRST PRESENTS THE TERRY SULLIVAN JAZZ TRIO. Saturday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. Vocalist Terry Sullivan’s singing and musicianship has been impressing Chicago music fans for decades. Terry brings another concert of jazz standards and more to the Music At First audience. Tickets: \$20/students 18 and under are free.

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 by the little Christmas tree in the lounge, starting November 4; call 708-383-4408 or e-mail sandaspooner@comcast.net.

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). 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.

SING WE JOYOUS – SAVE THE DATE! Featuring the Oriana Singers, City Voices, Pro Musica Youth Chorus, and the Sing We Joyous Orchestra. Saturday, December 8 with a 6:30 p.m. reception and silent auction, and 7:30 p.m. concert. Sunday, December 9 concert at 4:00 p.m. Featuring Twelve Days of Christmas and hi-jinks! It’s Oak Park’s favorite holiday concert for the whole family! Tickets \$25, children free.

FUJI OWL LOCK-IN - Our Whole Lives (OWL) is an age-appropriate sexuality education program we offer for 7th and 8th graders who are a part of our FUJI youth group. If you would like your child to participate in a lock-in event beginning Saturday morning, November 10 and running through November 11 until 9:30 a.m., talk to Alicia for more information, areese@firstunitedoakpark.com. A mandatory parent’s meeting will be held next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



Talent Showcase Highlights

- ⇒ Experience Lydia Mulkey fulfilling her Broadway dream.
- ⇒ Burns and Allen. Nichols and May. We have Miller and Gehring.
- ⇒ See FUSH in a jaw dropping dancing debut.
- ⇒ Deborah Kapp does magic, under duress.
- ⇒ Ever hear a barbershop quartet of women?

Mark Your Calendars.... in INK!
November 9, 7:30 pm



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, OCTOBER 28

Fourth Sunday Offering – Housing Forward

9:30 am Church School for all ages

9:30 am Newcomers Class

9:30 am Technology Help Desk

10:00 am Raise the Roof ticket sales

11:00 am Worship

3:00 pm PFLAG

6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 pm Monday Bible Study

6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter

7:00 pm PNC meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 am Cooking Class for Seniors

4:00 pm Pro Musica rehearsal

6:30 pm OWL Parent meeting

7:00 pm Technology Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 pm So You Want to Talk About Race

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

6:45 pm Cluster Tutoring HS Seminar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am Pro Musica Staff meeting

9:00 am Raise the Roof rehearsal

7:30 pm Terry Sullivan Concert (MAF)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

10:00 am Raise the Roof ticket sales

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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First United Church Nursery School

Housing Forward

Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry

Cluster Tutoring

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