

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

4 NOVEMBER 2018



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Since both the departed saints and we ourselves are in Christ, we share with them in the 'communion of saints.' They are still our brothers and sisters in Christ. When we celebrate the Eucharist they are there with us, along with the angels and archangels. Why then should we not pray for and with them? . . . Love passes into prayer; we still love them; why not hold them, in that love, before God?

- N.T. Wright

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Chorale Prelude: Before Thy Throne I Now Appear* J.S. Bach
Sonatina, Cantata No. 106, Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit J.S. Bach

WELCOME Please sign and pass the black Connections pad. Deborah Kapp

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*OPENING SONG

Be Still and Know That I Am God

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of notes: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. Below the staff, the lyrics "Be still and know that I am God." are written. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a half note G. Below the staff, the lyrics "Be ___ still and know ___ that I ___ am God. ___" are written, with blank lines under the words "Be", "know", "I", and "God.".

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ally Vertigan

We are met in the presence of God,

And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in highest heaven,

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the church throughout the world,

We gather to worship the Lord.

By children and babes at the breast,

God's holy name is praised.

With drums, sitars, and trumpets,

God's holy name is praised.

In barrios and basilicas,

God's holy name is praised.

And here with our hearts and our voices,

God's holy name is praised.

We are met in the presence of God,

And we do not meet alone.

***HYMN 299**

For All the Saints (v. 1-3)

SINE NOMINE

Black hymnal

GATHERING PRAYER

Merciful God, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together.

Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live;

Confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.

We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need,

As we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you,

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

Coro e Soli, Cantata No. 106, Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit

J.S. Bach

God's own time is the time appointed us.

In God's presence all have their being, as long as God wills;

In God shall we die at the right time, when God wills.

TIME FOR SHARING

John Borrero

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER

Sonatina, Cantata No. 106, Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit

J.S. Bach

O Lord, cause us to remember that we all must perish, that we may seek wisdom.

Make ready your house, for you will perish and live on earth no longer.

It is the ancient law: you must perish.

O come, Lord Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-3, 12-15; 13:20-21, NT p. 226

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 299**

For All the Saints (vs. 4-5)

SINE NOMINE

Black hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ally Vertigan

OFFERTORY

Duetto, Cantata No. 106, Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit

J.S. Bach

Into your keeping I shall commit my soul, for you have redeemed me, O Lord,
you my faithful God.

Yes, today you shall be with me in paradise.

In peace and joy I shall depart, as God wills it;

Consoled am I in heart and mind, calm my spirit.

As God has promised me, my death is changed to slumber.

***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.

REMEMBERING JESUS' LOVE, REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Deborah Kapp and Stanley Davis

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

God invites the whole creation to the feast of life, through Jesus Christ,
who came that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness.

Amen.

All praise be to God.

Alleluia.

PRAYERS

God is in this place,

And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.

We feel the breath of the Spirit.

We give thanks for your presence and for your care in all the joys and concerns of our lives. . .

With those who have gone before us,
Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.

REMEMBERING

On this day, we remember those who have died in the past year, God's own children:

We light a candle of remembrance

. . . for those lost to gun violence in Chicago over the last year;

. . . for those killed in hate crimes in Pittsburgh

. . . in Kentucky

. . . in North Carolina

We remember, too, those in our midst who have died this year, saints who embodied faith in this community. The deacons are invited to come forward for the reading of names and lighting of candles. Their names recall memory; these candles rekindle our grief in loss. Our lives are shaped by knowing them.

The following members and friends of First United have died in the last year:

Carolyn (Lynn) McClure

James McClure

Daniel Effner

Connie Henderson-Damon

Wing Leong

Cynthia Amedeo

John Kenealy

Mary Hunt

Anyone who wishes may come to the microphones, speak the name of a loved one who has died, and light a candle in honor of that person. Please return to your seat by the outside aisle.

We remember the mystery of our faith that connects us throughout time and space:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God of all, send your Spirit to this place. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints and with our family in faith around the world.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS

God of the ages, we give thanks that you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ. We pray in Christ's name, using the words he taught us, saying:

**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.**

Coro, Cantata No. 106, Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit
Glory, laud, praise and majesty to you, God, Father, and Son, be given,
and Holy Ghost, for ever;
May godly strength make us triumph
Through Christ our Savior, Amen.

J.S. Bach

CHARGE

Philippians 4:8-9

Ally Vertigan

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing the things you have learned and received
and heard and seen in Christ,
and the God of peace will be with you.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

***HYMN 303**

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

DARWALL'S 148TH

Black hymnal

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Danish Amen

A-men, 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 B4 quarter note, then a D5 quarter note, and finally a G4 half note. The bass line is written in the bass clef, starting with a G2 quarter note, followed by a B2 quarter note, then a D3 quarter note, and finally a G2 half note. The lyrics 'A-men, a-men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the first 'a' aligned under the first G4 note, the second 'a' under the second B4 note, and the final 'men.' under the last G4 note.

SENDING MUSIC

Fugue in E-flat "St. Anne"

J. S. Bach

In addition to those named during today's service, we remember victims of violence in Chicago during the month of October, 2018, listed below.

Detavious Beeks	Jestin Walker	Jason Brock
Peter Rim	Valoria Taylor	James Garrett
Stanley Leon	Jammie Holmes	Julien Gonzalez
Renee Smith	Anton Shaw	Nicole Kinsley
Carlos Bonds	Michael Rollins	Jaquan Baines
Antonio Jones	Corion Hill	Nathan Thomas
Keshonda Maxey	Lyquond Neal	Ciara Minaj Frazier
Matrice Luster	Walter Edwards	Anthony Carter
Charles Jackson	Dimonte Pryor	Fred Jackson
Juan Cruz	Ramon Dobine	Donald Johnson
Leetemi Daniels	Ventri ease Criss	Eliyahu Moscovitz
Roberto Ramirez	Marvin Mayweather	Steve Nixon
Jesus Gomez	Marquise Willingham	Bruce Miller
William Gonzalez	Jose Alvarez	
Rodney Jernigan	Darnell Bass	
	James Cox	

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.

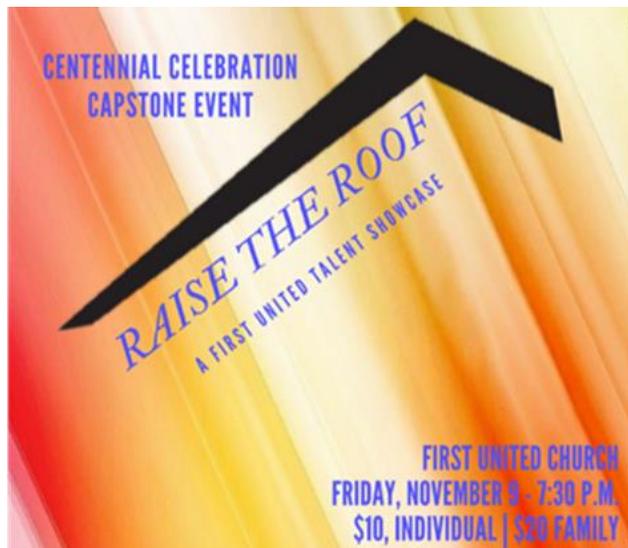
TODAY'S MUSIC FOR ALL SAINTS is Johann Sebastian Bach's *Cantata No. 106, God's Time Is the Best Time*. It is also known by the title *Actus Tragicus* and is one of his earliest church cantatas, composed around 1707, possibly for his uncle Tobias Lämmerhirt. The words are primarily from biblical passages and Protestant hymnody, with a small amount of freely written text.

We thank vocal soloists Adriana Kopecka, Beena David, Wain Parham, and Bill Chin, with Laura Osterlund and Mirja Lorenz (recorders), Katherine Shuldiner and Russell Wagner (violas da gamba), Jerry Fuller (violone), and Michael Surratt (organ). Thanks also to the First United Sanctuary Choir for their continuing and invaluable contributions to worship at First United.

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 those who provide Hospitality through various ministries. This week we thank Greeters: Marsha Hubbuch, Marilyn Kauffmann, Marge Lyon and Debby Prieser; Lead Usher: Bonnie Mize; Sanctuary Guild members: Joanne Despotes, Marilyn Heinrichs and Nina Roher; and the Seventh 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.

TODAY'S COVER ART is *Pulling Together* by Ted Stuckless.

EVENTS AND UPDATES



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



SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAES – Next Sunday, November 11, plan to gather in the Lounge for ice cream sundaes following worship!

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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLIMATE JUSTICE SERIES: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Centennial Hall.

Week 3, November 11: Local solutions to heal our environment, with Mindy Agnew, Sustainability Coordinator for Oak Park. Discussion includes composting/recycling programs, electric aggregation, single-use bag ordinance, the Village clean energy fund; Plus, Citizens Climate Lobby on their Carbon Fee and Dividend campaign.

Week 4, November 18: Climate changes around the world, priority solution strategies, plus forecasts specific to Illinois and local public health implications.

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.

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.

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.

2017 POINSETTIAS. It's time to order and dedicate 2018 poinsettias! Fill out an order envelope, located at either sanctuary entrance, and return in the offering plate or to the First United office by December 14.

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

All Saints Day

- 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" tickets
- 11:00 am Worship with Communion

6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:30 am FUNS Staff meeting
- 6:00 pm Monday Bible Study
- 6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 4:00 pm Pro Musica rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Raise the Roof rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Technology Committee
- 7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting
- 7:00 pm FUNS Parent meeting
- 7:00 pm Planned Giving meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 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, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:15 am Mission Partner meeting
- 6:00 pm Raise the Roof rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring
- 7:30 pm Faith in Action meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:30 pm Talent Showcase – Raise the Roof!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8:00 am FUJI OWL lock-in

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

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