

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**10 FEBRUARY 2019**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you"  
-Isaiah 43:2

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Toccata in D minor*  
*Toccata per l'elevazione*

Johann Jacob Froberger  
Girolamo Frescobaldi

## 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 368

*I've Got Peace Like a River (v. 1)*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Blue hymnal

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul (x2)**

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Mulkey

Jesus invites you, "Come, follow me! Be my disciple!"

**We come to this place at the invitation of Jesus the Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where we find cruelty and chaos,

**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up

whole lives, whole peoples,

**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together

and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

## \*HYMN 525

*Here I am Lord*

Blue hymnal

**A LITANY OF ATONEMENT** by Robert Eller Isaacs

For remaining silent when a single voice would have made a difference,

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

For each time that our fears have made us rigid and inaccessible,

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

For each time that we have struck out in anger without just cause

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

For each time that our greed has blinded us to the needs of others,

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

For the selfishness which sets us apart and alone,

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

For losing sight of our unity,

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

For those and for so many acts both evident and subtle which have fueled the illusion of separateness,

**we forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.**

SILENCE IS KEPT.

**ASSURANCE OF LOVE**

Friends, nothing can separate you from the love of God who knows your heart and graciously grants forgiveness so that we can begin again in love.

**Amen.**

**A WORD FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Sue Saliny & Art Spooner

**TIME FOR SHARING**

Lydia Mulkey

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US****SONG OF ILLUMINATION**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for \_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, I can-not

stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11, NT p. 62

Alicia Reese

SERMON

The Call Amid the Chaos

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 377

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lydia Mulkey

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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

Lydia Mulkey

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Alicia Reese

\*HYMN 435

*We All Are One in Mission*

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Blue hymnal

\*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

\*BENEDECTION RESPONSE

*Amen*

SENDING MUSIC

*Tiento del Quinto Tono*

Antonio de Cabezón

# TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

TODAY WE WELCOME Tom Wikman as our guest organist.

WE THANK THESE MUSICIANS for lending their talents to today's service: Julie O'Shea, Cello; Susan Buchanan, Violin; Christine Bohlman, Piano.



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, Clara Kearley, Anne Paluck, and Doug Thurman; Lead Usher: Bonnie Mize; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the 2nd 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](mailto:jdespotes@gmail.com) or 708-209-1377.

## EVENTS AND UPDATES

**FUJI GOES TO THE BOULEVARD** - FUJI will visit the Boulevard and throw a birthday party for the residents next Sunday, February 17, 5 p.m.!

**STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY.** LISTEN for the BELLS! On the one-year anniversary of the Parkland, Florida school shooting, February 14, the bells of First United Church will ring 17 times at 2:20 p.m. in memory of the 17 students and teachers killed that day.

**EMPTY BOWLS COMMUNITY DINNER** – OPRF High School, South Cafeteria, February 22, 6-8 p.m. Soup supper and take-home pottery bowl provides funds for OPRF Food Pantry, PADS, and Global Alliance for Africa. For \$15 per adult (\$10 for students with ID), you pick out your own pottery bowl, handmade by the students in the OPRFHS Wheel-Throwing Club. Fill your bowl with your choice of soup, which is made by the Food Service class (as well as donated by local restaurants); bread and water round out the meal. There's a great spirit of community in the cafeteria where the event is held.

**BUILD – DREAMS TO LEGACY ART EVENT** – 1133 West Fulton Market, Chicago, February 23, 2019, 6-9 p.m. This fundraiser supports the Art Programs of BUILD. All art is on Silent Auction. BUILD is a recipient of our offering gifts due to their effective programs of youth development and reduction of violence. Tickets are \$50. Please contact [stephaniearevalo@buildchicago.org](mailto:stephaniearevalo@buildchicago.org) or call 773-227-2880.

**PRIMETIME MUSICAL & MALNATI'S.** Join your PrimeTime friends (age 60+) for the OPRF High School musical, *Chicago*, and a pizza dinner following at Malnati's. Sunday, February 24, 2-8 p.m. Contact Janet Haisman no later than February 22 with \$20/person for dinner (708-383-2035 or [jhaisman59@gmail.com](mailto:jhaisman59@gmail.com)). Come to OPRF High School South Cafeteria at 2 p.m. for treats, a pep talk on the musical, and early admission to the theater!

**OUR NEW MEMBERS 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 February 24 at 9:30 a.m. We meet in the chapel. Contact Lydia at [lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com) for more information.

**THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS STORE** is ready for new group leadership after the current team has held it for 3-10 years. This Advent small group is both a joy and a long tradition in our church community. It is well-organized and documented for whomever might like to learn about it. The current ACS group does not plan on carrying on the store, so maybe this will become a calling for you. Call 708-822-0265 or email Laurie Jolicoeur at [magistra.jolicoeur@gmail.com](mailto:magistra.jolicoeur@gmail.com).

**HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?** Please check the Lost and Found tables in the Lounge seating area to find that special doll, warm hat, earring, water bottle, coat, etc. that you have been missing. After TODAY, we plan to discard or donate left over items so they will be gone. Thank you!

# 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](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, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 am Church School for All Ages  
9:30 am Technology Help Desk  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Second Sunday Sundaes  
5:00 pm FUSH and FUJI  
Broomball!

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am FUNS Parents Event  
4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00 pm Monday Bible Study  
6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter  
7:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts meeting

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus  
6:00 pm FUNS Parents Night  
6:30 pm PNC meeting  
7:00 pm Finance Committee meeting  
7:00 pm Newcomers Committee meeting  
7:00 pm Youth Committee meeting

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group  
3:30 pm Food Pantry distribution  
6:00 pm Adult Handbell rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:15 am Mission Partner meeting  
6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring  
7:30 pm Faith in Action Committee meeting

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group  
9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution  
9:00 am Sanctuary Cleaning - Scouts

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:30 am Church School for All Ages  
9:30 am Technology Help Desk  
11:00 am Worship  
5:00 pm FUJI to the Boulevard  
6:00 pm FUSH

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

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Housing Forward

Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

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