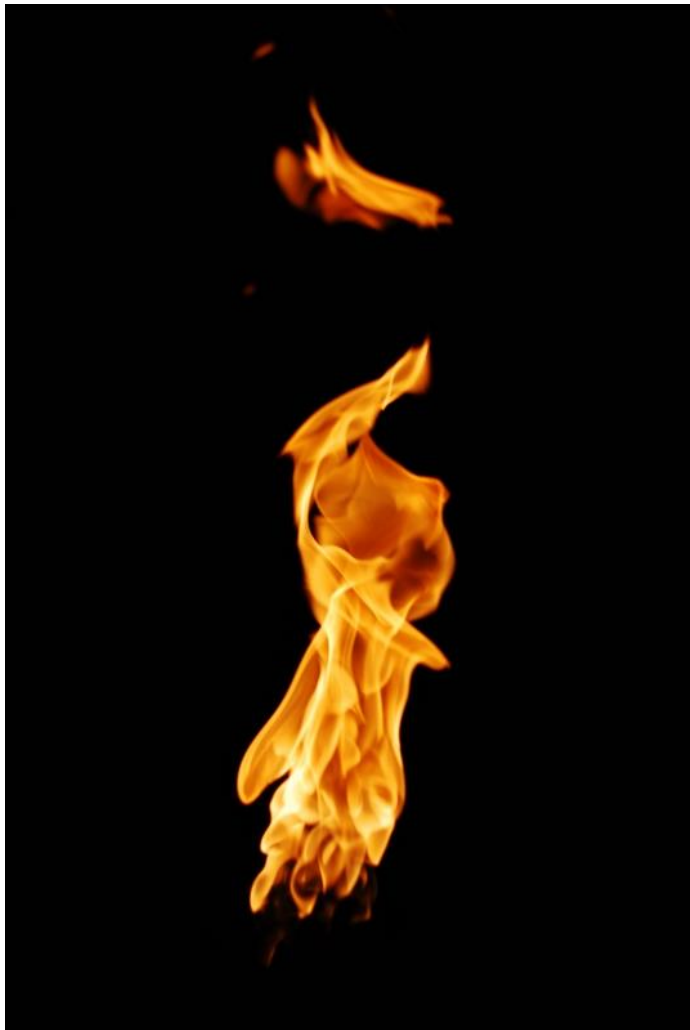


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
3 FEBRUARY 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
 Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
 My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
 So I did sit and eat.

- George Herbert

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1
Rhosymedre

George Oldroyd
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

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**

O God, we joyfully come together to worship,
realizing that we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here.
We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there.
We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you;
our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you;
our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you;
our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you.
Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***HYMN 507**

I Come with Joy

LAND OF REST

Blue hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

William Bigelow

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. With confidence in that love, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.
Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.
Forgive us the sins that we know, and those we know not;
forgive them, O Lord, because of your great goodness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Children may come forward as we sing:

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

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. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with a triplet of eighth notes under 'me' in the second line. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics, also featuring a triplet of eighth notes under 'me'.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6: 1-8, OT p. 635

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Hallowed Be Thy Name

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Sing To His Name

Jane Marshall

*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.

INVITATION HYMN

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al-le-lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al-le-lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al-le-lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al-le-lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al-le-lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With thanksgiving, let us offer God our praise. Let us pray:

Carpenter of Earth and Maker of Rainbows,

at your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.

Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and created us to love and serve you.

In the Word-Become-Flesh and Weaver of Stories, you lived among us, manifesting your glory.

Jesus died that we might live, and is risen that we might rise to new life.

Therefore, together with the faithful of every time and place, we proclaim your glory.

Text and music: Anon., Argentina

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

Womb of Time, Midwife of Changes,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine,

that the bread we break and the cup we bless

may be the communion of Christ's body and blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast.

Just as this bread is Christ's body for us, so may we be Christ's body in the world.

Hear our prayers, Loving God, as we lift before you our concerns and our joys:

Mother of all mercies, Bearer-of-Life, we pray in name of Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Today we serve communion by intinction. Beginning from the middle pews, we invite everyone to come to the front or rear of the Sanctuary to share in the joyful feast. As you reach the servers, break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Gluten-free bread is available at the station by the baptismal font. Return to your place by the outside rows.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**Gracious God, in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.**

Take us out to live as changed people

**Because we have shared the living bread,
and cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So, Lord, may we live to your glory
as inhabitants of the earth**

and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Amen.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*HYMN 369

Blue hymnal

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

SENDING MUSIC

Postlude in E-flat

Edmondstone Duncan

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THANKS TO THE REV. WILLIAM BIGELOW for assisting in worship this morning.

TODAY'S COMMUNION PRAYER was written by members and leaders at Rutgers Presbyterian Church in New York Center.



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 Communion Coordinators: Karin Pietrini and Bobbie Kmiec and all the communion servers; Greeters: Cynthia Collazo, Chris Davis, Marsha Hubbuch, and Debby Preiser; Lead Usher: Nell Lurain; 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 or 708-209-1377.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

BE A DELEGATE to the United Power Delegate Assembly Join United Power to move issues forward so we can't be ignored:

- **REBUILDING COMMUNITIES:** Work on the west side of Chicago.
- **TREATING, NOT INCARCERATING:** Eliminating road blocks for crisis stabilization.
- **REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE:** Uniting law enforcement and investors to hold gun manufacturers accountable.

February 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lawndale Community Church

RSVP Lydia at lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com or Lois at lois@thiessenlove.com

DINNER & A MOVIE - Friday, February 8: *Denial*. In the 1990s, well-known Holocaust denier David Irving sued historian Deborah Lipstadt -- issuing a complaint under British law requiring the American academic to prove that the greatest atrocity of World War II actually took place. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 p.m. (free). Sign up in lounge or call Cynthia Collazo, 708-383-9228.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - for experienced or novice knitters and crocheters! Join us for fellowship, a spiritual practice, and participation in a ministry of care for our congregation! 2nd Mondays from 4-5 p.m. and 4th Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. The meetings in February will be on the 11th and 26th.

LISTEN FOR THE BELLS! Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting: 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.

HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING? Please check the Lost and Found tables in the Lounge seating area to find that earring, water bottle, coat, etc. that you have been missing. After February 10, we plan to discard or donate left over items so they will be gone. Thank you!

MUSIC AT FIRST HOUSE CONCERT: Warm up the winter doldrums at Music at Firsts' second house concert featuring The Oriana Singers on Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. The location of this concert is 427 North Euclid in Oak Park. Seating is limited to 25 guests and tickets are \$35.00 each. Tickets will not be available at the door and must be purchased in advance through Brown Paper Tickets. Go to <https://maf-houseconcerts2019.brownpapertickets.com/>

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, FEBRUARY 3

Women's Retreat

9:30 am Church School for All Ages

9:30 am Technology Help Desk

11:00 am Worship with Communion

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 am CPM Meeting (Presbytery)

6:00 pm Monday Bible Study

7:00 pm FUNS Parent meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus

5:30 pm Communications Committee meeting

7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting

7:00 pm Interfaith Green Network meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group

6:00 pm Adult Handbell rehearsal

6:45 pm Deacon meeting

7:00 pm Food Pantry distribution

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:15 am Mission Partner meeting

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:30 pm Dinner & A Movie

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution

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!

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