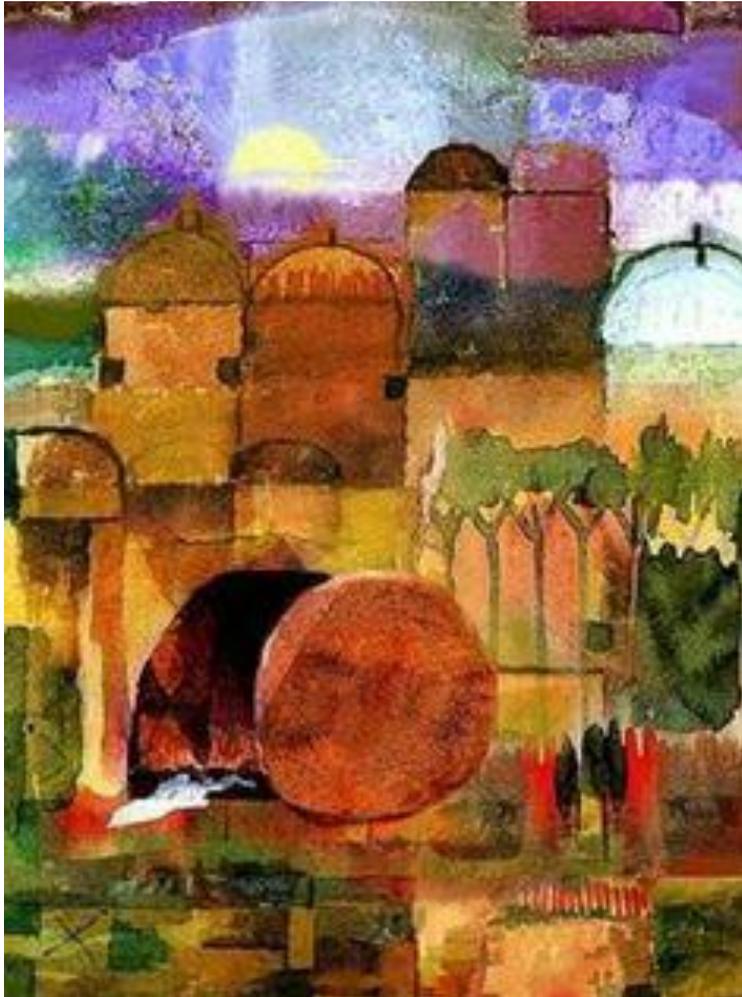


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
21 APRIL 2019
EASTER SUNDAY, 11 AM



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Tell all the truth but tell it slant —
Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth's superb surprise
As Lightning to the Children eased
With explanation kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every man be blind —

- Emily Dickinson

*Please stand if you are able. Please silence cell phones.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Deborah Kapp

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 1-11, NT p. 90

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!
For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.
Thankful is the song we sing!
God has given us new life and hope.
God has raised Jesus from the dead.
God has claimed us as God's own,
Brought us out of darkness,
And made us light to the world.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed!
Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed!
Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Blue Hymnal

***EASTER PRAYER**

Lydia Mulkey

Almighty God, through the rising of your Son from the grave,
you broke the power of death and condemned death itself to die.
As we celebrate this triumph may we also make it the model for our living.
Help us to identify in our lives all that should rightly die –
redundant relationships, tired habits, fruitless longings.
Resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love,
as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave.
Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

The children are invited to come forward as we sing:

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain

Al - lel - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - lel - lu - ia! Give praise to His Name.

Verse

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Je - sus has died and has ri - sen.

D.C.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 104** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*
Blue hymnal

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Our Risen Lord, Our King of Kings

Sally Ann Morris

Our risen Lord, our King of kings, earth with your Easter triumph rings; hear how the whole creation sings, Alleluia. O holy child, whose saving Name the angels sang when first you came, let ev'ry tongue your love proclaim, Alleluia. O Son of Man, your life you gave, and chose for us the cross and grave; we sing with all you came to save, Alleluia. O Lamb of God, ordained to die, and lifeless in that tomb to lie, immortal praise be yours on high, Alleluia. O Prince of life who lives again, risen indeed from death's domain, come to our hearts, and rule and reign. Alleluia. — *Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNSERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE JOYFUL FEAST, THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

INVITATION

Lydia Mulkey and Deborah Kapp

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.
People will come from east and west, from north and south,
to sit at table in the Kingdom of God.
People come with hearts burdened with cares. . .
We also come with glad and joyful hearts. . .
This is the Lord's table,
and our Savior invites all who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you are at the door and you knock.
You could as well enter without knocking
because you are the Lord of the world.
But your presence is not imposed, but proposed.

You are there, behind every door,
but to experience communion with you
we need to know how to heed your voice,
unhitch the door, and host you are our table.
Teach us, Lord, to open our ears
to distinguish your voice within the Babel of noise convulsing our lives;
to open wide the door of our heart, of our home, of our church,
to welcome you and with you, our neighbors,
to have the table ready
without being worried about how little we have to offer you,
because you are coming to feed us with the food of your word
and the bread and wine of your supper.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Merciful God, send now, in kindness,
your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine,
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

**Let that same Spirit rest on us,
converting us from the patterns of this passing world,
until we conform to the shape of him
whose food we now share.**

Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Today we serve communion by intinction. Beginning from the middle pews, we invite everyone to move to the front or to the back as the ushers direct you. As you reach the servers, take a piece of bread and dip in the cup. Gluten free bread is available with the servers at the baptismal font.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Meditation on Christ Our Passover

Robert W. Parker

*PASSING THE PEACE

Having tasted of Christ's goodness, let us now share his peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

In deep 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,
both as inhabitants of the earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
We pray in the name of Jesus our brother, who taught us to pray together. . .

**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 113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

Blue hymnal

*EASTER BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le -

lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

SENDING MUSIC

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles Marie Widor

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We thank the following people for their gifts to help support taking flowers to homebound members as well as providing for our beautiful Easter floral display:

David Hanson, in loving memory of Nancy Hanson.

Harry Saunders, Jr. in memory of his late parents, Harry and Pennie Saunders.

Kelly Pollock, in memory of her aunt, Elaine Alexander.

Bob Downs, in memory of his wife, Barbara Downs.

Priscilla and Don Sibley in memory of Gardner Borden and Christina B. Jennings; and in memory of John R. Sibley.

Anne and Ron Paluck in memory of Gene Lyle Alair.

Renéé Davis and Josephine Porter in memory of Joan Quigg Porter and Margaret Davis; and in honor of Howard Davis Sr.

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

MANY THANKS TO THE SANCTUARY CHOIR and to our guest musicians Matt Bronstein and Kelly Suthers (horn), and Kevin Hannequin (trombone), for enhancing our Easter worship today.

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, ushers, greeters, communion servers, Sanctuary Guild, and also to the folks who minister in the background in other important ways.



PLEASE RECYCLE your bulletin in one of the bins near the Sanctuary exits.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERINGS on April 28 will be directed toward the One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering used to help refugees and immigrants, provide start-up funding for economic development, and deliver disaster relief in the world. Please give as generously as you are able.

PRAY IN MAY! Join us for a Deacon-sponsored workshop on prayer, open to all! We will gather on Sunday, May 5, 12:30 - 2 p.m. Lunch will be served, and we will engage in an afternoon of self-care by experiencing new types of prayer together. Please RSVP to Alicia Reese.

PLEASE NOTE that the First United building will be closed tomorrow, April 22.

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.

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