

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
19 MAY 2019



The Gathering by John Borrero

An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Oh, what a joy it has been to be a person seeking to tangibilitate compassion.
- The Rev. James A. Forbes, Jr.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Fantasia in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Alicia Reese

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*OPENING SONG

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

The Lord of life is risen to - day! Bring flowers of song, be -
deck the way; Let ev - ery tongue re - joice and say:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alicia Reese

How can we know the way of God?

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

This is our new commandment in Christ:

As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

*HYMN

A Centennial Hymn
Text and Music by Philip Gehring

1. THEN, LORD, — a seed was plant - ed and took root. Our fore - bears gath - er'd
2. NOW, LORD, — the church that from that seed has grown Still sings and prays and
3. WHEN, LORD, — more gen - er - a - tions have gone by, New con - gre - ga - tions
4. SO, LORD, — we pledge to tend our lamps of faith In peace - ful times, and

in a faith - ful band To sing and pray to hear your word and raise a cross a -
lis - tens - for your word, Still wel - comes all at tab - le and at font, And still it
in some fu - ture year Will bring their hearts and spir - its to this place, And say with
al - so times of stress, To speak for jus - tice with the pro - phet's voice And live the

1, 2, 3. 4.
bove Our homes in this young land.
makes its gra - cious mes - sage heard.
firm as - sur - ance, "God is here."
Christ - tian life that we pro - fess. Let all the peo - ple say, "A - men."

CALL TO PRAYER

Alicia Reese

As we unite our hearts in prayer,
let us open ourselves to the transforming love of God in Christ,
which alone can make us whole. Let us pray together:

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Lord, you are a God who keeps promises.
In our prayers and songs
we say that we want to be Christians,
but then we forget our promises.
Our actions do not match up with our words.
We say mean things to other people,
we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first,
and, worst of all, we ignore you.
Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
Hear and believe the good news.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Let us rejoice in the good news of the gospel.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS SUNG RESPONSE

Ain't-a That Good News
AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, Ain't-a that good news!
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, Ain't-a that good news!
I got a Savior up in-a that kingdom, Ain't-a that good news!
I'm gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Preschool Class

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The 2nd Grade Class

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9: 36-43, NT p. 128

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

To Tangibilitate Compassion

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 380

O Christ, the Healer (vv. 1 and 5)

ERHALT UNS, HERR

Blue hymnal

APPRECIATION FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lydia Mulkey

OFFERTORY

O Sing Unto the Lord

Peter Aston

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alicia Reese

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Deborah Kapp

***HYMN 129**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Go Now in Peace

Led by the Church School Classes

Sung in a three-part round. The children and youth will sing the tune through once, then the round will begin with the congregation joining. Group 1 will be the west transept, Group 2 will be the center section, Group 3 will be the east transept.

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of
God sur - round you ev - 'ry-where, ev - 'ry-where you may go.

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SENDING MUSIC

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist

J.S. Bach

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

OUR GUEST ORGANIST today is Tom Wikman.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Immediately following worship, there will be a Congregational Meeting. The agenda can be found at the end of this bulletin.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – Following the Congregational Meeting today, we'll celebrate with our Annual Church Picnic. Even if you forgot to bring something to share, please join us!

SPRING WORK DAY – Building & Grounds will be beautifying the church yard today from 2 to 5 p.m. It's not too late to volunteer! Planting grasses and wildflowers, dividing and transplanting perennials, and spreading mulch are all on the list of projects.



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 - 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: Barbara Fletcher, Bob & Kate Larson and Dale Sorenson; Lead Usher: Gene Armstrong; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Preschool 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

LEGACY GIFTS - Please consider making a legacy gift to First United through your will or by designating the church as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance, or pension plan. When you make such a gift, please let the church know. We want to thank you and add you to our list of Kindred Spirits (those who have let the church know they have included a gift to First United in their estate plans). Questions? Contact Gene or Ann Armstrong (geneann1113@yahoo.com or 708-657-4484) or any of the pastors (708-386-5215)

20TH ANNUAL BONHOEFFER LECTURES IN PUBLIC ETHICS – Join us on May 31 and June 1. This year's keynote speakers are the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber and the Rev. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. Drawing on their extensive experience building movements for social change, these speakers will address the pressing issues of our diverse communities, calling us to the work of advocacy and resistance. This conference aims to serve laypersons, religious leaders, students and scholars from diverse faith communities in and beyond the Chicagoland area. For detailed information and to register, go to www.thebonhoeffercenter.org The event will be held at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING – On May 26 the Fourth Sunday Mission Offering will support young moms and their children at risk of homelessness to find stable housing, employment/career skills and parenting skills, all to help the families create bright futures. Your undesignated offering will go to support New Moms, or use the envelope that is in your bulletin to support this wonderful ministry.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – During worship on June 2, we will celebrate those confirmands who have completed Quest class and have chosen to become members of First United. A reception will follow worship in the Lounge.

MAKE A NOTE – SUMMER SCHEDULE! Next Sunday, May 26, we will begin our summer schedule. Church School classes will be on break for the summer and worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Don't be late for worship!

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

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, MAY 19

- 9:30 am Church School for All Ages
- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
Annual Church Picnic
- 2:00 pm Outdoor Work Day
- 6:00 pm FUJI Year-End Party

MONDAY, MAY 20

- 3:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer
Orientation
- 6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter
- 6:00 pm Monday Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting
- 7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting
- 7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 7:00 pm Church Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
- 3:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 11:00 am Food Pantry Summer Meals
Volunteer Orientation
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring
Volunteer Social Event
- 7:00 pm Housing Justice meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- 5:00 pm FUSH Year-End Party

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 9:30 am Technology Help Desk
- 10:00 am Worship
Fourth Sunday Offering
- 3:00 pm PFLAG

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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First United Church of Oak Park
Congregational Meeting
May 19, 2019 – Immediately following Worship in the Sanctuary

AGENDA

Opening Prayer	Gene Armstrong
Call Meeting to Order	Gene Armstrong
Verification of a quorum	Barbara Metric
PNC Update	Rick Pollock
Election of Council members, Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee	Art Spooner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Church Council: Carol Ingram, Megan Lewis, Sue Saliny, and a one-year extension for Priscilla Sibley. Also nominated for election by the congregation are Chase Gentile and Sallie Smylie, who were appointed by Council to fill unexpired terms.• For Youth members of Church Council: Samantha Duwe, and a one-year extension for Paul Raducha.• For Deacons: Leah Beckwith, Len Palombi, and Betsy Samore.• For Nominating Committee: Ryan Issel and Lois Merrill.	
Revisions to the Church's Constitution	Gene Armstrong
Adjournment	
Closing Prayer	Deborah Kapp



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