

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
28 APRIL 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“A life is not important except for the impact it has on other lives.”
- Jackie Robinson

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Allegro Vivace and Air from Water Music* G. F. Handel

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

ANNOUNCEMENT AND READING OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES Priscilla Sibley

***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!

***PASSING THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***OPENING SONG REPRISE (See above)**

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alicia Reese

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim the good news to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN 245

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

Black hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With confidence in God's tender kindness, let us pray:

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Let us cast our minds over the past week,
with its ups and downs, its kindness and faithful goodness,
its mixture of the regular and the surprising;
if there were moments of great happiness or great sadness or both,
let us seek to bring them all to the comforting and healing mercy of God,
and ask God to confirm whatever is good and useful in our experience,
and to transform or purge the things that are harmful or wrong.

Silence is kept.

Lord, hear our prayers.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

As we are assured of God's renewing mercy and liberating grace,
may we know that we are accepted in God's love.
Let us live the lives of forgiven people,
transmitting the grace which comes to us
and extending to others the love that is shown to us.

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

The children are invited to come forward as we sing:

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

Musical notation for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

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

Musical notation for the Song of Illumination. It consists of four staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:5-17, NT p. 10

SERMON

Lambs, Wolves, Serpents, Doves

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Black hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lydia Mulkey

OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah
Adriana Kopecka, soprano

G. F. Handel

*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! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alicia Reese

**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

Deborah Kapp

*HYMN

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
The nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
For I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
When all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Halle, halle, halle

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

Allegro Maestoso from Water Music

G. F. Handel

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

OUR FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING, WHICH IS BEING RECEIVED TODAY, will be directed toward the One Great Hour of Sharing, a historic offering in which both our denominations participate, and our offering will be split between the two. The offering is used to help refugees and immigrants, provide start-up funding for economic development, and deliver disaster relief around the world. Our churches do a good job with this work, and this is a way you can participate. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you.



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 Art Guild members: (and other volunteers) Jane Barker, Joanne Despotes, Emory Mead, Charlie Morris, Steve Pederson, Karin Pietrini, Nina Roher, Sara Stevenson and John Zaruba who dressed the church for Easter last Friday and Saturday; and today's greeters: Dave & Hyejong (Joy) Marshall and Jim Wisuri and Vicky Lekovish; and Lead Usher: Nell Lurain. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. If you think one or more of these ministries might be a fit for you, please contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, May 19, 2019 following worship. Revisions to the Church's Constitution will be recommended for your adoption. New Council members, Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee will be voted upon. Please join us for this important meeting. There will be informational sessions following worship today as well as on May 5 and May 12 so you are fully informed for the May 19 congregational meeting and vote.

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.

LAST CHANCE FOR FLOWER POWER - Make a tax-deductible donation of \$10-\$15 in the Lounge today to benefit New Moms, a key mission partner. Next Sunday, May 5, our Church School children will plant pots of flowers – symbolizing love and hope as these young mothers and their children blossom with potential and promise – for the moms for Mother's Day. We will also assemble Welcome Baskets of basic supplies for new clients as they enter this life-changing program.

SAVE SNAP - Help Preserve Food Stamps! Our neighbors are hungry and SNAP food stamps helps put healthy nutrition on their table. Threatened cuts will be harmful. Stop by the table in the lounge to take a step to preserve SNAP food stamps.

PER CAPITA - Please help defray the cost of the 2019 per capita payment. The per capita amount that we are asking for from each confirmed member is \$34.22. We are required by PC(USA) to make an annual per capita payment to support important denominational work, and we make an equal annual contribution to support the UCC since we are a union church. A gift can be made online or if you write a check, please be sure to note that it is for per capita.

DINNER & A MOVIE - Friday, May 10: *A Fantastic Woman*. Marina (Daniela Vega), a transgender nightclub singer, comes under suspicion when her much older lover Orlando (Francisco Reyes) dies suddenly. After being harassed and threatened by her late boyfriend's vengeful relatives and the police, she must defend her rights as both Orlando's partner and as a human being. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 p.m. (free). Sign up in the Lounge or call Cynthia Collazo, 708-383-9228.

OPRF FOOD PANTRY SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM - Many kids who rely on school meals struggle to get enough to eat during the summer months. The Summer Food Service Program (Summer Meals) provides kids and teens with nutritious meals when school is not in session. This program is only possible through the help of many volunteers. Come to the orientation if you're interested in lending us a hand! If you can help, orientation will be Thursday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CENTENNIAL POETRY COLLECTION - Did you receive your copy of "A Collection of Centennial Poetry"? This keepsake collection includes original poetry and a hymn interlaced with artwork and photos by First United members. Stop by the Elder Desk on April 28 or May 5 to pick up your booklet.

IT'S CROP WALK SEASON! We are Ending Hunger One Step at A Time! Join the First United Team for the 36th Hunger Walkathon West on Sunday afternoon, May 5, 2019. See a recruiter in the Lounge before or after worship for information or to sign up.

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, APRIL 28

9:30 am Flower Power
9:30 am Save SNAP
9:30 am Church School for All Ages
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
11:00 am Worship and 4th Sunday Offering
12:00 pm Constitution Revision Q&A
1:00 pm Youth Sunday Prep
3:00 pm PFLAG
6:00 pm FUJI and FUSH

MONDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 am CPM Meeting (presbytery)
6:00 pm Monday Bible Study
6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter
7:00 pm Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

4:00 pm Pro Musica Youth Chorus

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
3:00 pm Youth Sunday Prep
6:45 pm Deacon Meeting
7:00 pm Food Pantry distribution

THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

FRIDAY, MAY 3

SATURDAY, MAY 4

10:30 am Spiritual Life Team #1
5:00 pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal
8:00 pm FUJI Lock-In

SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:30 am Church School for All Ages
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Flower Power!
11:00 am Worship with Communion
12:30 pm Pray in May! Workshop

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

The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry

Cluster Tutoring

Pro Musica Youth Chorus

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