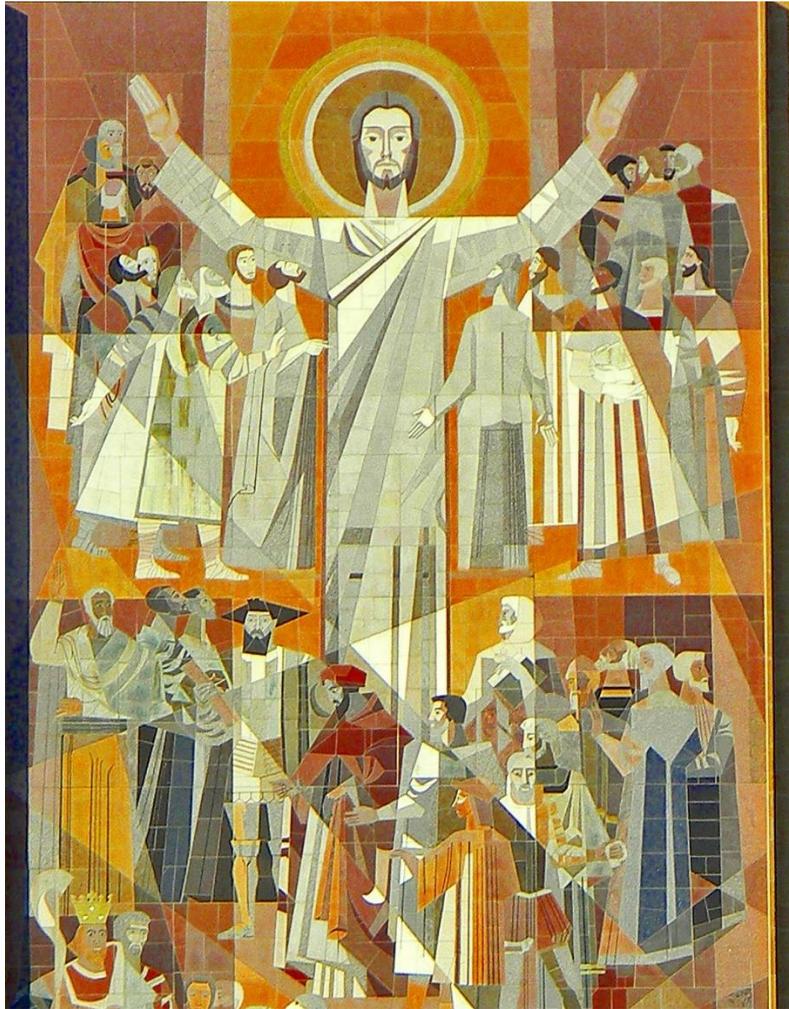


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
16 JUNE 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

God of loveliness and beauty,
even the humblest of creatures finds its home close to you.
May your church be a place of safety to every wanderer who seeks you,
every believer who trusts you, and every disciple who follows you.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Chaconne in F-minor

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Deborah Kapp

*PASSING THE PEACE

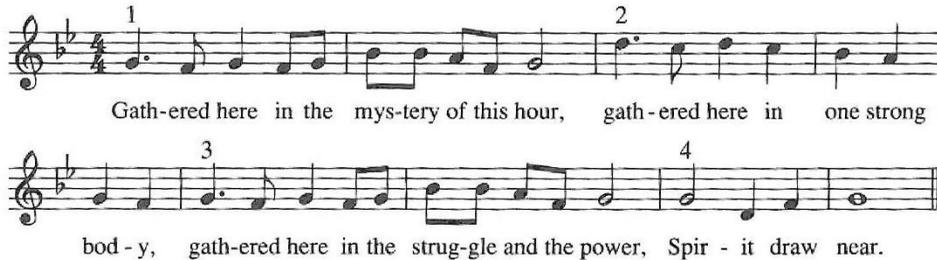
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*OPENING SONG 742

Gathered Here

Phil Porter

Black hymnal



Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong
bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but the same God is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is a common purpose that is accomplished.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

It is still one body.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it;
if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

As the church in this place, for this time, let us worship God.

***HYMN 473**

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Blue hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

With humble and contrite hearts, let us lift our prayers to God:

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (from Ephesians 4)

Loving God, you call us to service and fellowship in the name of your child Jesus. In him you invite us to lead lives worthy of our calling, with humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the peace and unity of the Spirit. Despite our sincere efforts, we sometimes fall short of these goals.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

Renew us, we pray, with a fresh vision of your calling and with deepened commitment to your service. Let our love be bold and genuine and lead us in our walk of faith.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Take comfort in the assurance that not even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love in Christ Jesus.

God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Alicia Reese

Children, please come forward as we sing.

In My Life

Bob Kilpatrick, 1978

Lord, Be Glorified

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'In My Life'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.' The notation includes a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come / Wa wa wa Emimimo*
(Sing once in English, then in Yoruba)

Come, O Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, Come, al - might - y Spir - it,
Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo, Wa wa wa A - lag - ba -

come, ra, Come, — Wa - o come, — wa - o come. — wa - o. —

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:15-16, 21-26, NT p. 118

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Leadership Transitions

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 325

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Blue hymnal

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Deborah Kapp and Gene Armstrong

Friends, in baptism you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Christ's name. Please show your commitment by responding to these questions.

ORDINATION VOWS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

SUNG PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

AFFIRMING THE FIRST UNITED VISION

Let us remind our new leaders of the vision set forth for them by this congregation with the guidance of the Spirit:

We are moving from words to witness in our relationship with God.

We are moving from individualism to intimacy in our relationships with each other.

We are moving from charity to changing structures of injustice in our relationship with the world.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We accept these elders and deacons as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ. We promise to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Over My Head African-American Spiritual, arr. John L. Bell

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Blue hymnal

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Siyahamba (sung in Swahili)

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

— Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', — Si - ya - ham - ba, —
— We are march - ing in the light of God. — We are march - ing, —

— Oo, — si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. —
— Oo, — we are march - ing in the light of God. —

SENDING MUSIC

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

COVER ART: Sheets, Millard, 1907-1989. Word of Life mural, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55058>. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jburzynski68/6221624293/>.



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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: Joanne Despotes, Marge Lyon, Bob Larson and Kate Larson; Lead Usher: Bonnie Mize; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Sound Board crew. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. We need more people for this work! 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO CALL NEW LEAD PASTOR - On Sunday June 23, the candidate for Lead Pastor will be at First United. Following the service there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on calling the minister to First United. For additional information, please see the last page of this bulletin.

CHICAGO SUMMER SINGS concludes this Tuesday, June 18, with Haydn's *Mass in Time of War (Paukenmesse)*, under the direction of Charles Brown, Director of Choral Activities at Concordia University in River Forest. Join your fellow songsters in the First United Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED FAMILY CAMPING August 8 - 12. Pitch a tent or camper. To do: Hike, Bike, Swim, relax, eat good food, make new friends. See Bulletin board in the lounge! Questions? Ask any past participants including Teri Omert and the Cerniglia Family. Campsite: <http://il-outdoorministries.org/tower-hill.html> Sign up in the church lounge or tomert@comcast.net Cost: \$7.00 per day per person. No pets.

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING – JUNE 23 - For 50 years, BUILD, Inc., located in neighboring Austin, has helped thousands of young people facing the steepest challenges—like poverty and chronic exposure to violence and other sources of trauma—escape gang violence and become leaders in their community. BUILD is seeking support for its upcoming community events designed to keep youth and families safe this summer. Visit www.buildchicago.org.

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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, JUNE 16

9:30 am Technology Help Desk

10:00 am Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting

7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting

7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 pm Chicago Summer Sings

7:00 pm Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

3:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution

7:00 pm Cluster Tutoring Board

7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer
Orientation

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 pm One Book, One Oak Park
Reading Group

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group

9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution

2:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am Pastoral Candidate Breakfast

9:30 am Technology Help Desk

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

11:30 am Pastoral Candidate Reception

3:00 pm PFLAG

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PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LEAD PASTOR

The Pastor Nominating Committee is delighted to recommend that the Rev. John M. Edgerton be called to serve as First United Church's new Lead Pastor. He will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday June 23, beginning with a get-acquainted breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. After the 10:00 a.m. worship service in which Rev. Edgerton will preach, a congregational meeting will convene to consider and vote on the committee's recommendation. This will be the final step in a year-long national search that attracted 82 applicants for the position of spiritual leader and administrative head of the church.



Thankful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the faithful support of the congregation, the nine-member committee has found Rev. Edgerton to be an inspiring preacher, a caring pastoral presence, a capable manager, and a passionate worker for social justice for all God's people. We are deeply moved by his strong spiritual grounding and his collaborative, church-based sense of God's call to ministry. As he wrote in his application:

"It is so much more fun to do the work of the church together. A vibrant church is one where the work is held in common by the people, joyfully contributing to a community in which they know they are loved and valued. A growing church is one where the future is dreamed together by the people courageously taking up hard and holy work that changes lives and builds community."

Raised in Chicago, John Edgerton is a graduate of St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the University of Chicago Divinity School. In 2012, after serving as a Pastoral Resident at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, he became Associate Minister at Old South Church in Boston, a historic United Church of Christ congregation now celebrating its 350th birthday.

Old South Church is very similar to First United Church in congregational size and staffing. It has about 675 members, a Senior Minister, two Associate Ministers, and several administrative and building-support staff. Rev. Edgerton served as Acting Head of Staff during the Senior Minister's six-month sabbatical leave, gaining valuable team leadership experience.

John Edgerton's primary focus during his time at Old South Church has been on the way Christians live their faith outside the walls of the church. The Pastor Nominating

Committee was strongly impressed by several examples of this work. In 2017, Rev. Edgerton and others led a community response to a real estate development plan for luxury high-rise structures on city-owned land near Old South Church. Concerned that this would overwhelm the area and intensify Boston's shortage of affordable housing, local residents and institutions challenged the developer. They sought help in preserving the neighborhood and launching a new model for affordable housing. This resulted in a \$9 million settlement designed to address these concerns. Rev. Edgerton has also ministered actively to homeless neighbors and to the victims and survivors of the Boston Marathon Finish Line bombing.

John also worked extensively to support Old South Church's first-ever capital campaign. He gained experience in every stage of such an effort. This included participation in congregation-wide visioning, soliciting lead donors, tracking and evaluating the fund-raising effort, and celebrating the campaign's successful conclusion. The campaign was focused on expanding the church's mission, enhancing the physical plant, and improving the church's communication capabilities. It raised over \$3.5 million.

At the same time, as one of his enthusiastic professional references wrote, "John is one of the most exceptional preachers of his generation." Based on our experience of his sermons, the committee agrees. We are confident that his clear conversational style, deep Biblical immersion, and real-world messages will challenge the minds and nourish the spirits of the people of First United Church.

John and his wife Heather, an institutional development professional at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are parents of Veronica, two years old. They plan to relocate to the Oak Park area by late summer, allowing John to begin his ministry at First United in late August.

Thanks Be to God!

Word Cloud of Adjectives Used by John's References



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