

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
9 JUNE 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"Our theology would improve if we thought more of the church being given to the Spirit than of the Spirit being given to the church." —Bishop John V. Taylor

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Premier Livre d'Orgue
Plein jeu, Trio, Basse de Trompette, Tierce en taille, Dialogue

Louis Marchand

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

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Gathered Here' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G5, F5, and E5. The lyrics are: '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

A Breathing Meditation

In Hebrew, the word for spirit is *ruach*, which means both wind and breath. In Greek, the word for spirit is *pneuma*, which holds the same meanings. Spirit, like the wind, is invisible and powerful. Experience the Holy Spirit's power now as you breathe deeply into this meditation.

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your love within us.

May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your peace within us.

May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your power within us.

May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Black hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

We may not always feel ready for the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is always ready for us. May we allow the Spirit to work in us as we pray...

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives; we've grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines; we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe your life into us. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Breathe deeply now; that is the Spirit of God that is in you. Exhale slowly; that is the Spirit of God coming from you into the world. The Holy Spirit is binding us together, breathing new life in us. The old is wasted away, but see, everything is made new, with every breath. Know God's Spirit is as close as breathing. Know God loves you and forgives you. Trust in the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SHARING

Alicia Reese

Children, please come forward as we sing.

In My Life

Bob Kilpatrick, 1978

Lord, Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied; be glo-ri-fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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 2:1-21, NT p. 119

Charlie Morris

SERMON

Spirit of What?

Lydia Mulkey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

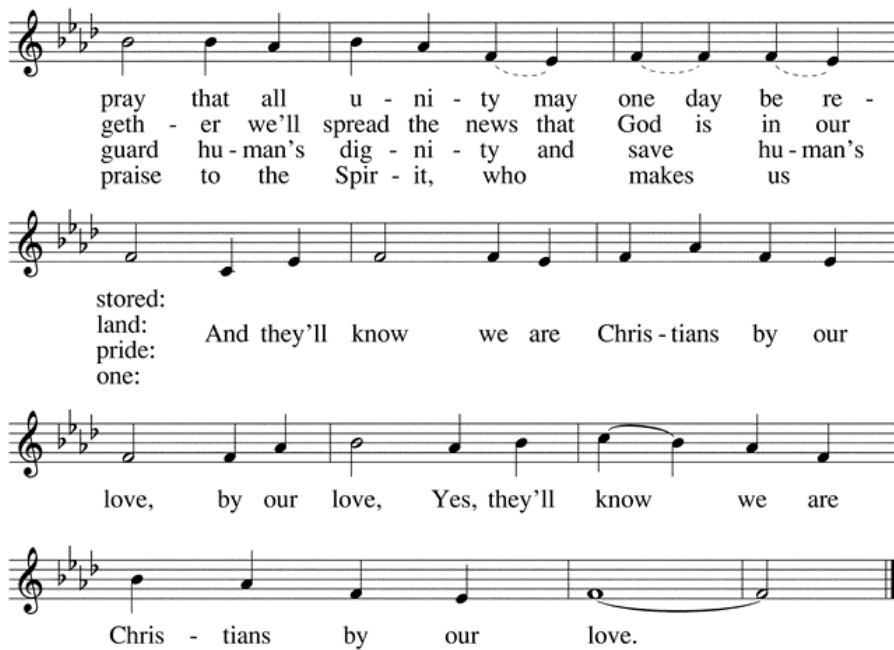
*HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

 stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:
 love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are
 Chris - tians by our love.

Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938
 Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S, 7 6 7 6 8 6 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, b.1938
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PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rick Pollock

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Gene Armstrong

On behalf of the Church Council, I present these new friends who are being received into membership of this congregation:

Chris Bass

Mary Bass

Tara Dull

Tim Dull

Stephanie Fields

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Lydia Mulkey

Do you believe in God and trust in God's grace and love? **I do.**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Will you be a disciple of Jesus, learning from him, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with the help of God.

Do you promise to worship with us, serve with us, pray with us and contribute to the support of Christ's ministry and mission in this place? **I do.**

The Church of Jesus Christ is a covenant people. The faith of those in the Old and New Testaments, as well as those throughout the history of the Christian Church, is deeply rooted in a covenantal relationship with God and one another. The Christian covenant is a symbol of

binding commitment between a people of faith and God, the creator and renewer of the Church. Members of this Church covenant together to:

- follow the way of Jesus, the Christ;
- search for an honest expression of faith;
- care for and support each other;
- share in the life and worship of the Church;
- contribute to its support and benevolences;
- be advocates for the poor and oppressed;
- seek peace and understanding in the world;
- nurture and educate our members in the Christian faith; and
- include people of all gender identities, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, and disabilities in all aspects of our congregational life.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

Gene Armstrong

We welcome you into this community and promise to journey together with you in faith. We offer ourselves as sisters and brothers in Christ, committing ourselves to care for one another. We offer ourselves as partners in ministry and mission, working to further God's work everywhere. We offer ourselves as companions, joining each other as the Body of Christ, growing together in Christian faith and practice. By God's grace we share this covenant in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to gather in God's name.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REPORT

Jordan Sibley-Diggs

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

OFFERTORY

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies

*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

*HYMN 267

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Black hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Lydia Mulkey

*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

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott
(Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God)

Johann Sebastian Bach

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED



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 the Art Guild members and friends who updated the sanctuary installation for Pentecost: Joanne Despotos, Emory Mead, Nina Roher, Linda Sandman, John Zaruba; Greeters: Barbara Fletcher, Marilyn Kauffmann, Clara Kearley, and Dale Sorenson; Lead Usher: Susan Buchanan; Sanctuary Guild member: Cindy Palombi; and the Sound Board crew. If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries might be a fit for you, please contact Joanne Despotos at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

CHICAGO SUMMER SINGS continues this Tuesday, June 11, with the *Requiem* of Gabriel Faure, under the direction of local musical luminary Martha Swisher. Join your fellow songsters 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.

ABC: A BENCH FOR CAPS PROGRAM has successfully concluded at First United. Thank you to everyone who faithfully saved bottle caps and other plastics for this Cub Scout Pack 16 effort. The Scouts will take the 670 pounds of plastic to Evanston, Indiana where it will be exchanged for three park benches made from recycled plastics that will be installed in the Village of Oak Park. Please do not bring additional plastic materials to First United.

YOUTH WORK CAMP - Final planning meeting on June 9, 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. (Youth and Parents); 11:30 – 12:15 a.m. (Youth only).

DINNER & A MOVIE – Friday, June 14. *Battle of the Sexes*. In 1973, Billie Jean King, the world's No. 2 female tennis player, took on 55-year-old ex-champ Bobby Riggs in a match hyped as the Battle of the Sexes. This sports dramedy delves into the battles being played out in their lives beyond the spotlight. 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.

THE INTERFAITH ACTION GROUP for Peace and Justice in Israel and Palestine is holding a Walk for Justice on Saturday, June 15. It begins with an interfaith event at 11 a.m. at Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, a walk to Unity Temple at noon, a free meal of tamales and Middle Eastern food at 12:30 p.m. We're done by 2 p.m. Questions? Talk to Pauline Coffman.

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. A congregational breakfast will be held before worship at 8 a.m. It will be a time for fellowship, conversation, and questions for our lead pastor candidate. The worship service with the candidate preaching will begin at 10 a.m. and the meeting will immediately follow the service.



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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, JUNE 9

9:00 am New Members Breakfast
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Youth Work Camp meeting
11:30 am Committee Chair meeting
2:00 pm Pederson Piano Recital

MONDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 pm Newcomers meeting
7:00 pm Chicago Summer Sings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

3:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 pm Faith in Action meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

5:30 pm Dinner & A Movie

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group

9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

9:00 am New Members Breakfast
9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Worship

CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM

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Barbara Metric, Council Clerk

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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

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Pastor Nominating Committee Update

