

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
14 JULY 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Anybody who loves must always be prepared to have his plans interrupted. We must be ready to be surprised by tasks which God sets for us *today*. God is always compelling us to improvise.

For God’s tasks always have about them something surprising and unexpected, and this imprisoned, wounded, distressed brother, in whom the Saviour meets us, is always turning up on our path just at the time when we are about to do something else, just when we are occupied with altogether different duties. God is always a God of surprises, not only in the way in which he helps us – for God’s help too always comes from unexpected directions – but also in the manner in which he confronts me with tasks to perform and sends people across my path.”

- Helmut Thielecke

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Chorale in E Major
Mark Sudeith, organ

César Franck

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

Come, All You People

Zimbabwe



Come, all you peo-ple, come and praise your Ma-ker, come, all you peo-ple,



come and praise your Ma - ker, come all you peo - ple,



come and praise your Ma-ker, come now and wor-ship the Lord.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Colin Lonergan

We come in this service to God,
in our need and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus
and who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears;

We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come
and God has promised never to turn us away.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 459

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Black hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

Alissa Lonergan

What does God command us? To love God, and to love our neighbor. With trust in God's abiding love and mercy, let us confess how difficult it is for us to obey God's will. Let us pray:

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

For the times we have lied to one another
and the times we have been lied to,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have laughed at another's pain
and the times we have been laughed at,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have not respected another's freedom to be different from us,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

For the times we have betrayed a friend
and the times we have been betrayed,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.

**O God of heaven and earth, you emptied yourself of your power
and became a helpless baby so that you might heal the world.
Teach us to empty ourselves of the things that destroy us and keep us alone.
For Jesus' sake, empty us of our jealousy, our meanness,
and our disregard for others.**

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ was born for us, Christ lived and died for us, and Christ lives again for us. Nothing shall separate us from God's love, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Stayed On Jesus AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL



Woke up this morn - in' with my mind stayed on Je - sus.

Woke up this morn - in' with my mind stayed on Je - sus.

Woke up this morn - in' with my mind stayed on Je - sus. Hal - le -

lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

BAPTISM OF COSETTE BROOKLYN MAZZOLA

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism for Cosette Brooklyn Mazzola with her parents John and Julie Mazzola; her grandparents Linda and Rich Moser, Cathy and Steve Helmstetter, John Mazzola, Joan Mazzola and Tom Sladowski; and Godparents Karen McFeron and Greg Helmstetter.

**There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.**

Council Member: When the poor and needy search for water, and none is to be found, and their tongues are parched with thirst, then God will answer them. God will not abandon them. God will make rivers run on barren heights and fountains in the valleys. God will turn the wilderness into lake and dry lands into springs of water.

Living Water to all who thirst, in you we live and have our being.

Pastor: Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst again. For the water that I give will become a spring within, welling up to eternal life."

Living Water to all who thirst, in you we live and have our being.

Council Member: The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to the springs of living water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Living Water to all who thirst, in you we live and have our being.

Pastor: As we celebrate this sacrament today, let us all remember with joy our own baptism.

Let us remember that we all – now and forever – belong to God.

PRESENTATION BY ELDER

Council Member: On behalf of the Church Council, I present Cossette Mazzola to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

QUESTIONS TO THE FAMILY

COMMUNITY COVENANT

Council Member: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ? If so, please join me in the congregational covenant:

In this act of surpassing grace, we witness the power of God.

In baptism, we become newly aware of God's abundant love and mercy.

God calls each of us wherever we are, whoever we are,

to share in the joy of God's presence in a community of faith.

As people who strive to follow Jesus Christ more closely each day,

we welcome you, Cossette, to our common journey.

Trusting God, we offer you our support and care.

BLESSING AND POURING THE WATERS (Church School Student Pours Water)

Source of love, Mother and Father of all living creatures,

Pour out your Spirit upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth.

May all who pass through these waters be delivered to new life,

From bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness.

Bind them to the household of faith, guard them from all evil.

Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new.

To you be all praise, honor and glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Council Member: Cosette has been received into the church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God. Let us welcome our newest sister in Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word

Iona Community



Lis-ten to the Word that God has spo-ken, Lis-ten to the One who is close at hand;



Lis-ten to the Voice be-hind cre - a-tion, Lis-ten ev-en if you don't un-der-stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37, NT p. 71

Colin Lonergan

SERMON

Our Neighbors, Ourselves

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 503

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

MARYTON

Black hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

I'm His Child

Thomas Newman

Sandy Jefferson, soloist; Mark Sudeith, keyboard

*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

Deborah Kapp and Alissa Lonergan

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 432**

Song of Hope

ARGENTINA

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Shalom Chaverim

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. Above the staff are chord markings: Dm, *, Gm, C7, and Dm. The lyrics under the first staff are: Sha - lom, cha - ve - rim, Sha - lom, cha - ve - rot. Sha - lom, sha - lom. L' -

The second staff continues the melody. Above the staff are chord markings: Dm, Gm, A7, and Dm. The lyrics under the second staff are: hit - ra - ot, l' hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom.

**May be sung as a canon.*

(Peace, friends, until we meet again.)

SENDING MUSIC

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

arr. Richard Elliott

Mark Sudeith, organ

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

COVER ART: Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890. Good Samaritan, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54697> [retrieved July 9, 2019]. Original source: <https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/-JxomvIRi2uo/SDTc3ruAVoI/AAAAAAAAANxw/L07CjJU2AOo/s512/The%252520Good%252520Samaritan%252520by%252520Van%252520Gogh.jpg>.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for the participation of Sandy Jefferson, one of our choir members, and Mark Sudeith, substituting for Michael Surratt, in providing today's music for worship.



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, Marilyn Kauffmann, Anne Paluck and Doug Thurman; Lead Usher: Bonnie Mize; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Sound Board crew. If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries might be a fit, please contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

THE PASTOR TRANSITION GROUP will meet TODAY in the Conference Room to plan and organize. Walk-ins are welcome. Contact Rick Ashton, rickashton20@msn.com, 708 698-1832.

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 past participants: Omert/Honderich or Cerniglia Family. To learn more about the camp: <http://il-outdoorministries.org/tower-hill.html>. Sign up in the church Lounge or tomert@comcast.net Cost is \$7.00 per day per person. NO PETS.

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, JULY 14

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Pastor Transition Group
11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle

MONDAY, JULY 15

3:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer orientation
6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting
7:00 pm Building & Grounds meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 16

5:30 pm Cluster Summer Reading

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

2:30 pm Seraj Library Project
Board meeting
6:00 pm Seraj Library Project dinner
3:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution
7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer orientation

THURSDAY, JULY 18

5:30 pm Cluster Summer Reading
7:00 pm Housing Justice meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 19

SATURDAY, JULY 20

9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution
10:00 am PFLAG Council meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 21

9:30 am Technology Help Desk
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle

**CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM
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Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

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