

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**30 JUNE 2019**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Life breaks all of us, but some of us are strong in the broken places.  
- Ernest Hemingway

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Dear Lord*  
Julian Chin, piano

John Coltrane

## WELCOME

Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

Lydia Mulkey

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

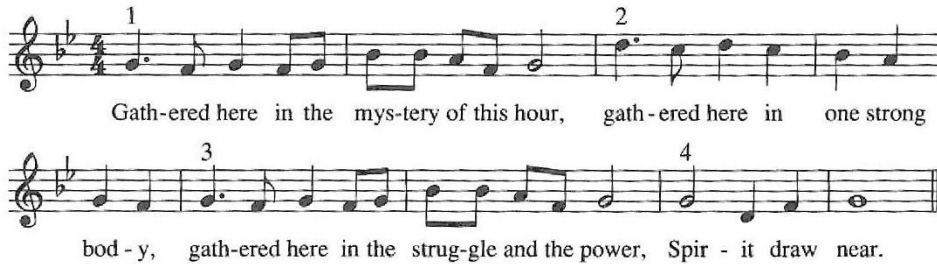
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## \*OPENING SONG

*Gathered Here*

Phil Porter

(Sing twice; first time in unison; second time as 3 part canon)



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

May these hours of rest and renewal open our hearts to joy and our minds to truth.

**May all who struggle find rest on this day.**

**May all who suffer find solace.**

May all who hurt find healing on this day.

**May all who despair find purpose.**

**May all who hunger find fulfillment on this day.**

And may this day fulfill its promise.

**Praise to you, God, who sanctifies the Sabbath.**

**\*HYMN 382**

*Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

Blue hymnal

**SCRIPTURAL CALL TO PRAYER - II Corinthians 12: 6-10**

Deborah Kapp

In faith and humility, let us open our hearts to God. Let us pray.

**PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS**

Merciful and gracious God, in a world that values shows of strength and the accumulation of resources, we are hesitant to let our weakness show. In a world that heralds success, we are reluctant to admit our failures and defeats. In a world that is so quick to judge any mistake we make, we strive for a perfection we cannot attain. God, help us to let go of our fears and stress and striving, and free us to be vulnerable – with ourselves, with you, and with each other. Teach us to trust you in moments of despair and defeat. And, for the sake of your child Jesus, fill us with the peace that passes all understanding.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

**ASSURANCE OF LOVE**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loves us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are loved, forgiven, and made whole. Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; (2x)  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**TIME FOR SHARING**

Alicia Reese

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

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a, OT p. 326

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

Coming Undone

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 404

*Precious Lord*

PRECIOUS LORD

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*Peace*

Horace Silver

Morgan Pirtle, vocalist; Julian Chin, piano

\*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

Lydia Mulkey

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

Alicia Reese

\*HYMN 354

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

Blue hymnal

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Deborah Kapp

**\*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**

*God Bless the Child*

Arthur Herzog, Jr.

Morgan Pirtle, vocalist; Julian Chin, piano

## TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THANKS TO Julian Chin, piano, and Morgan Pirtle, vocalist, for today's music in 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: Vicky Lekovish, Marge Lyon, Susan Saliny and Jim Wisuri; Lead Usher: Ted Despotes; 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! Please contact Joanne Despotes at [jdespotes@gmail.com](mailto:jdespotes@gmail.com) or 708-209-1377.



## EVENTS AND UPDATES

**SOJOURNER HOUSE** - Housing Forward is strengthening our community's safety net, providing immediate, temporary housing for families with minor children, persons with physical limitations, and those who need care and respite after receiving hospital services. They are seeking volunteers to help with setting up House to Home Kits at their new Sojourner House. Volunteers will help set up the kitchen, organizing items, making beds, etc. A crew is needed weekdays the week of July 22. If you can help, contact Lynn Raducha at [lynn.raducha@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.raducha@gmail.com) or 262-995-9390.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE:** Friday, July 12 is *Lady Bird*. In her senior year of high school in Sacramento, teenage Lady Bird is set on making her way east to attend college in New York City. With help from her adopted brother, Miguel, she begins putting together a plan for her great escape. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 p.m. (free). Signup in lounge or call Cynthia Collazo, 708-383-9228.

**FUSH CIRCLE PROJECT** – A task force created by Council is considering the direction youth ministry at First United will take. They have had an initial meeting and will meet throughout the summer. Essential to their process is listening to what you, members and friends of First United, have to say. Please reach out to a member of the task force in person, through email, phone calls, texts – whatever is comfortable for you. Members include: Laurie Jolicoeur, Walter Miller, Michelle Chapman-Rienstra, Justin Lewis, Gretchen Savoy, Paul Raducha, Jane Vachon, Charlie Kennedy, Rob McMahan-Lovell, Mark Breen and Alicia Reese.

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/giving).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:30 am Technology Help Desk  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Stay & Play! Fellowship  
11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle

### MONDAY, JULY 1

### TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

7:00 pm Food Pantry Distribution  
6:45 pm Deacons meeting

### THURSDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

Church Office Closed

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

9:30 am Technology Help Desk  
10:00 am Worship with Communion  
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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