

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
7 JULY 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"May God bless and keep you always. May your wishes all come true.
May you always do for others and let others do for you."
—Bob Dylan

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

GATHERING MUSIC

There Is a Balm in Gilead

African-American Spiritual

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

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody features several triplet markings. The lyrics are: "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 *The Declaration of Interdependence from The Center for Progressive Christianity*

We hold these truths to be self-evident:

That all life is interconnected and endowed by our Creator
with certain inalienable rights and responsibilities,

That among these are presence, compassion, and the pursuit of happiness.

That to secure these rights and responsibilities,
We open our minds and hearts to the needs of others, and our own true needs,
We hear the sound of the living universe in our ears, and add our voices to the song,
We live every moment with awareness of the purity and power of existence.
**And for the support of this Declaration, we pledge to each other our love and our breath, For
the freedom of the one is the freedom of the all, and the pain of the one is the pain of the all;
The breath of the one is the breath of the all, and the breath of the all is the breath of God.**

***HYMN**

Welcome Table

African-American Spiritual

**I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days**

**I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
Gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days**

**All God's children gonna sit together
All God's children gonna sit together one of these days, hallelujah
All God's children gonna sit together
God's children gonna sit together one of these days**

**I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days**

CALL TO PRAYER

Alicia Reese

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Loving God, we have set a vision for our community to move from individualism to intimate fellowship. When we have given in to our culture's obsession with bootstraps, when we have been unwilling to admit our vulnerabilities, when we have judged another who needed support, forgive us and return us to this vision of intimate fellowship. Remind us of our interdependence with all of creation.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

In the love of God, we belong to one another. We need one another; we are part of one another. In the love of God, we are part of God's beloved community. We forgive as we have been forgiven. Go, and share the Good News of God's beloved community, and dwell in the love of God. Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Deborah Kapp

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line. The third staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has four circled numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-14, OT p. 336

SERMON

Interdependence Day

Lydia Mulkey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

Lean On Me

Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

INVITATION

Lydia Mulkey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alicia Reese

We gather at this table to bear one another's burdens.

Hear the burdens on our hearts today...

We gather at this table to share one another's joys.

Hear the joys for which we offer gratitude today...

We gather at this table to remember Jesus, who prayed that we would be one, sharing our lives deeply with one another, depending on one another for health and strength. Remind us of his intentions for us as we pray his prayer, saying,

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Deborah Kapp

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy God, we continue to tell this story to our children, so generations to come will hear of it, and know that in our brokenness, we are one. The bread breaks, but somehow through it, we are strengthened and unified. Send your spirit over this bread and cup so that we might taste the story and know our common humanity and our relatedness through your love deeply in our bodies. **Amen.**

SHARING THE FEAST

Lydia Mulkey

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, may the joy of sharing this feast ensure our coming together again and again, so that mutuality can draw out the best from each of us, exceeding what we can be and do alone, that we might glorify you to the fullest. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***HYMN**

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray/Brian Mann

Verse 1

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

Refrain

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

Verse 2

**For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]**

Verse 3

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]**

Verse 4

**For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
transgender and queer, in one single tree,
engaging each gift, and blessing each covenant
for gay and for straight, a new way to be [Refrain]**

Verse 5

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Shalom Chaverim

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics "Sha - lom, cha - ve - rim, Sha - lom, cha - ve - rot. Sha - lom, sha - lom. L' -". Chord markings above the staff are Dm, ♯, ♯, Gm, C7, and Dm. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics "hit - ra - ot, l' hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom." and chord markings Dm, Gm, A7, and Dm.

**May be sung as a canon.*

(Peace, friends, until we meet again.)

SENDING MUSIC

Africa

William Billings

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 Greeters: Cynthia Collazo, Marsha Hubbuch, Clara Kearley & Debby Preiser; Lead Usher: Bob Larson; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Sound Board crew. We ask forgiveness for any omissions. If one of these Ministries might be a fit for you, contact Joanne Despotes at jdespotes@gmail.com or 708-209-1377.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

STAND WITH THE IMMIGRANTS - Protest the inhumane treatment of the immigrants at the border and the local ICE raids: Join a downtown Chicago rally on Saturday, July 13 in Daley Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet others at the Harlem Green Line at 10:15 a.m. to go as a group. For more info: lois@thiessenlove.com or lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com

MISSION CALENDAR – Check out the Mission Calendar on the First United website! You'll find lots of information that will help you support First United mission as well as our Mission Partners. Go to www.firstunitedoakpark.com/mission-calendar/

DINNER & A MOVIE - Friday, July 12: *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). Sign up in Lounge or call Cynthia Collazo, 708-383-9228.

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 7

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

MONDAY, JULY 8

- 7:00 pm Food Pantry Board training

TUESDAY, JULY 9

- 5:30 pm Cluster Summer Reading
- 7:00 pm Newcomers Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

- 3:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution

THURSDAY, JULY 11

- 8:15 am Mission Partner Meeting
- 5:30 pm Cluster Summer Reading
- 6:00 pm One Book, One Oak Park Reading Group

FRIDAY, JULY 12

- 6:00 pm Dinner & A Movie

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm Margery Neff Memorial Service

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

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