

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
11 AUGUST 2019



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“The world is the stories we tell about it. Those stories shape the actual world, and they shape our actual lives. And so we must be careful which stories we tell ourselves, and which stories we share.”

- John Green

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Wachet Auf

J. S. Bach

Green Pastures

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

The Smylie/Streit Quartet

H. W. Vanhooose

W. L. Thompson

Green Pastures

Troubles and trials often betray us,
causing the weary body to stray.
But we shall walk beside the still water,
with the Good Shepherd leading the way.

Those who have strayed
were sought by the Master,
He who once gave His life for the sheep.
Out on the mountain still He is searching,
bringing them in forever to keep.

REFRAIN: Going up home
to live in green pastures,
where we shall live and die never more.
Even the Lord will be in that number,
when we shall reach that Heavenly shore.

We would not heed the voice of a stranger,
for he would lead us into despair.
Following on with Jesus the Savior,
we shall all reach that country so fair.

REFRAIN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
See on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

REFRAIN: Come home, come home.
Ye who are wary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling.
Calling, O sinner, come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger
and heed not His mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

REFRAIN

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
He has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

REFRAIN

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**

The wonders of creation, the splendors of the heavens,
the beauty of the earth, the order and richness of nature:

All speak to us of God's glory.

The coming of Christ, the presence of the Spirit,
the fellowship of the church,

show us the wonder of God's love.

Let all the earth acclaim the Lord.

Let us worship God with gladness.

***HYMN 17**

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Black hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

Lydia Mulkey

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
Open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory,
or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Alicia Reese

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 -

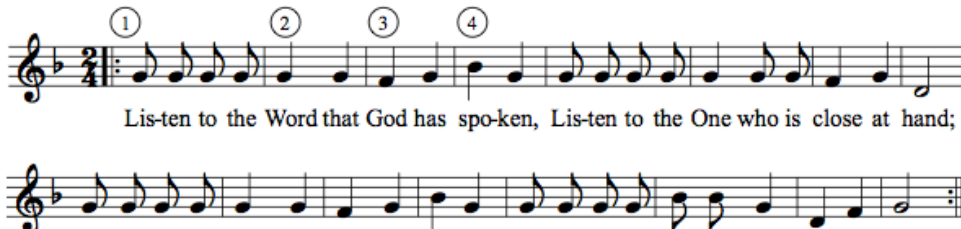
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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word

Iona Community



Musical notation for the song "Listen to the Word". The first line of music has four circled numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) above it, indicating measures. The lyrics are: "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 12:32-40, NT p. 75
Hebrews 10:39 – 11:2; 12:1-3, NT p. 225

Deborah Kapp

SERMON

A Recipe for Discipleship

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 112

Black hymnal

Keep Awake, Be Always Ready

WACHET AUF

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

OFFERTORY

Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John
Turn Your Radio On
The Smylie/Streit Quartet

J. B. Herbert
A. E. Brumley

Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John

REFRAIN: I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

O John, O John, now didn't you say,
That you'd be there on that great day?

O some came cropped, and some came lame.
And some came walkin' in Jesus' name.

Now brother, better mind
how you step on the cross.
Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.

If you get there before I do.
Praise the Lord's name.

REFRAIN

Turn Your Radio On

Come and listen in to a radio station
where the mighty hosts of Heaven sing.
Turn your radio on, turn your radio on;
If you want to hear the songs of Zion coming
from the land of endless spring,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on.

Brother listen in to the glory land chorus,
listen to the glad hosannas roll,
Turn your radio on, turn your radio on;
Get a little taste of joy awaiting,
get a little Heaven in your soul
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on.

CHORUS: Turn your radio on and listen
to the music in the air,
Turn your radio on, heaven's glory share;
Turn the lights down low
and listen to the Master's radio,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on.

CHORUS
Listen to the songs of the fathers and mothers
and the many friends gone on before,
Turn your radio on, turn your radio on;
Some eternal morning we shall meet them
over on the hallelujah shore,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on.

CHORUS

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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

***HYMN 419**
Black hymnal

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Deborah Kapp

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

I'll Fly Away

A. E. Bromley

Congregation, please join in the refrain on the second and third stanzas:

Some glad morning
when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away, fly away.
To a home on
God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away, fly away.

When the shadows
of this life have grown,
I'll fly away, fly away.
Like a bird
from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away, fly away.

REFRAIN: I'll fly away, O glory,
I'll fly away in the morning.
When I die Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away, fly away.

REFRAIN *Congregation join in Refrain*

Just a few more
weary days and then,
I'll fly away, fly away.
To a land where
joys shall never end,
I'll fly away, fly away.

REFRAIN *Congregation join in Refrain*

SENDING MUSIC

Nun Danket

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE SMYLIE/STREIT QUARTET, consisting of Mark and Sallie Smylie, and Becki and Rob Streit, for bringing special music to our service today. These two couples are longtime friends and musical collaborators and are current and former members of the First United Sanctuary Choir. Many thanks!



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, Clara Kearley and Dale Sorenson; Lead Ushers: Gene Armstrong, Nell Lurain and the on-call ushers; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Sound Board crew members including Pete Todd, Mark Breen and Carl Nauert. 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

STOP IN THE LOUNGE FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY to write a postcard to Congressional Representatives to require background checks for gun purchases and to maintain food stamps and school lunches for those in need.

WHAT CAN FIRST UNITED DO ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE? On Sunday, August 18 at 8:45 a.m., come before worship to hear about Gun Violence Prevention efforts that underway and their progress. Share your ideas for ways we can support these efforts from home and together. We will be gathering in the Conference Room. First United is a member of both United Power and the Illinois Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and collaborates with OP groups, all doing important work.

LOST AND FOUND – Tables are set up outside the Lounge restrooms (under the coat rack) that contain many lost and found items. Please claim anything that belongs to you! Items that are left after September 1 will be disposed of.

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, AUGUST 11

First United Family Camp

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Writing Congressional Reps

11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

6:30 pm Interfaith Green Team Network

7:00 pm Newcomers Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

3:30 pm Beyond Hunger

Food Pantry Distribution

6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

7:30 pm Faith in Action Committee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Third Saturday Book Group

9:00 am Beyond Hunger

Food Pantry Distribution

6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:45 am Let's Talk About

Gun Violence Prevention

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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Blessing of the Backpacks

August 25 at 10AM



Bring your backpack to receive a special blessing and a gift!
Students and teachers of all ages are welcome to bring a bag!



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SEPTEMBER 1 AT 10AM
ON THE CHURCH LAWN

Bring your pets for a special blessing!



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