

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
18 AUGUST 2019**



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" He stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven is my brother, sister, and mother."
- Matthew 12:48-50 (Common English Bible)

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

GATHERING MUSIC

The Water is Wide
Joe Guevara, flute

English Melody, arr. Brandt Adams

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

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

God, who walks on the waters of our fears,
stretching out a hand to hold us firm, and telling us not to be afraid:

We come to worship you in faith.

God who speaks to us in story and word, in each other, and in life itself:

We come to worship you in faith,

for you are our God, and we are your people.

*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Blue hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

Alicia Reese

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Gracious God, as individuals and communities

**we sometimes face situations when we choose to remain in the boats of security,
rather than step over into the waters of your mission.**

**And, there are times when we do take small steps of faith,
only to sink a little and forget to reach for your hand.**

**We are of little faith sometimes, O God,
a fragile and vulnerable people.**

**Forgive us and build us up in hope and faith,
that we may be true to our calling.**

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

The hand of God reaches out to save us, to forgive us, and to hold us in the rough waters of life.

Take hold of that hand in faith and accept the grace of God, for it is ours today and every day.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

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.

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 12:49-53, NT p. 75

SERMON

Jesus Said What?

Deborah Kapp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 172**

Black Hymnal

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

GALILEE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary

Carrie Newcomer

Laurie Jolicoeur, vocals

Chorus:

Will you be my refuge?

My haven in the storm.

Will you keep the embers warm
when my fire's all but gone?

Will you remember?

Bring me sprigs of rosemary?

Be my sanctuary 'til I can carry on,
Carry on, carry on.

This one knocked me to the ground.

This one brought me to my knees.

I should have seen it comin'

But it surprised me.

Chorus

In a state of true believers
on streets called us and them
it's gonna take some time
'til the world feels safe again.

Chorus

You can rest here in Brown chapel,
or with a circle of friends
a quiet grove of trees
or between two bookends.

Chorus

*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.

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

Deborah Kapp

***HYMN 466**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

The Peace of the Earth

Guatemalan tune, arr. John Bell

(soloist sings through, then all repeat)



The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heav-ens too; the peace of the riv-ers



be with you, the peace of the oc-eans too. Deep peace fall - ing ov - er you.
God's peace grow ___ ing in ___ you.

SENDING MUSIC

Tone Piece Op. 22, No. 1

Niels W. Gade

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: Marge Lyon, Vicky Lekovish, Doug Thurman and Jim Wisuri; Lead Usher: Bob Larson and the on-call ushers; Sanctuary Guild members: Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; and the Sound Board crew including Pete Todd, Mark Breen, Ezra Broughton 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.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Deborah Kapp, Interim Lead Pastor,
will conclude her two years of ministry
with First United Church next Sunday, August 25.

Please attend the 10 a.m. Worship service in the Sanctuary,
during which a time of Thanks and Recognition
for the blessing of Deborah's presence will be celebrated.

Following worship and the time of recognition,
a reception honoring Deborah will be held in the Lounge.

All First United members and friends are encouraged
to lend their presence and their voices to this blessed time.

EVENTS AND UPDATES



THE TASK FORCE FOR THE FUTURE OF FUSH needs your help! Please take a few minutes to answer their online survey. The link to which is below but can also be found in the weekly e-blast and on the website. **Deadline is Sunday September 1.** The survey can be found at: bit.ly/FUSHSurvey

RECEPTION HELP NEEDED – If you can assist with the reception for Deborah on August 25, please contact Marsha Hubbuch at mhubbuch.college@gmail.com or 708-250-5147.

GIVE AWAY ITEMS AND LOST AND FOUND - We are cleaning house! Please check the tables set up under the coat rack across from the washrooms for anything you would like to take home with you. After September 1, remaining items will be donated to Goodwill or Salvation Army.

WBNA CHICAGO SKY GAME! A group will be going this afternoon, leaving from First United at 3:30. Tickets are still available. Talk to Lydia.

COMING EVENTS: Next Sunday, August 25, is the Blessing of Backpacks during worship.
Sunday, September 1 is Blessing of the Animals and outdoor worship.
Sunday, September 8 is Gathering Day!

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS ON GATHERING DAY, September 8. If you haven't registered your child(ren), please go to the registration link on the first page of the website, www.firstunitedoakpark.org as soon as possible!



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 18

- 8:45 am Let's Talk About
Gun Violence Prevention
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle
- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter
- 7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 5:30 pm New Elder training
- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter
- 7:00 pm Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 3:30 pm Beyond Hunger
Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter
- 7:00 pm Housing Justice meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:00 am Beyond Hunger
Food Pantry Distribution

- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00 am Worship
Fourth Sunday Offering
and Blessing of Backpacks
- 11:00 am Reception
Celebrating Deborah Kapp
- 11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle
- 3:00 pm PFLAG
- 6:30 pm PADS Summer Shelter

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