

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK  
4 AUGUST 2019



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“He is no fool who will give up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose”  
– Jim Elliot

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Concerto in G Minor/G Major, Op. 4, No. 1* George Frideric Handel

## 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*

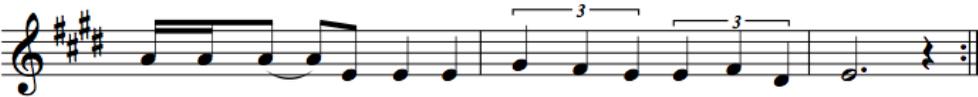
Zimbabwe



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

Lydia Mulkey

Our lives on this Earth are time-bound, but in the care of God.

**All creatures are our siblings – beloved creations of God.**

A life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

**God has given us hope and love abundant.**

We seek a life of wealth and riches,

**That only love and generosity can provide.**

This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

**We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.**

Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love.

**AMEN!**

**HYMN 280**

Blue hymnal

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Alicia Reese

Let us go to God with all our failures, victories, and shortcomings, taking all we are, and all we have, laying it at God's feet with confidence that we will be met with love...

**PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS** (adapted from "You Say" by Lauren Daigle)

We live in a world of brokenness, brokenness that also lives in us. We fight the voices in our minds that say, "you are not enough." We listen to the lies that tell us, "you will never measure up." Remind us who we are, that we are more than our brokenness or our mistakes, that we are your child. Help us to continually remember what is important in life, what our priorities should be, seeking wealth through love and wholeness in you.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

**ASSURANCE OF LOVE**

Interpretive Dance by Connor Cornelius

to "You Say" by Lauren Daigle

*The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me. In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity. You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing, You say I am strong when I think I am weak, and you say I am held when I am falling short and when I don't belong, You say I am Yours. And I believe, what You say of me.*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 12:13-21, NT p. 74

Alicia Reese

**TIME FOR SHARING**

*Listen to the Word*

Lydia Mulkey

*Children please come forward while we sing.*



Musical notation for the first line of the song. It features a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Four circled numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) are placed above the first four measures of the melody. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Lis-ten to the Word that God has spo-ken, Lis-ten to the One who is close at hand;"



Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Lis-ten to the Voice be-hind cre - a-tion, Lis-ten ev-en if you don't un-der-stand."

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*Listen to the Word (see previous page)*

SERMON

*Allow me to introduce your estranged sister...*

Alicia Reese

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 528

*Give Thanks For Life*

SARUM

Blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Kapp

OFFERTORY

*Prelude on "Rhosymedre"*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*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

Alicia Reese

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

This table is set for all people, it is made ready for those who love God and who want to know God more. So come, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, all are welcome, for this is not our table, yours and mine, it is the table of God and Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lydia Mulkey

We gather at this table, invited to bring all that we are with us, encouraged to come as we are, to lay down and bear together one another's burdens.

In your mercy, we lift up the burdens on our hearts today...

We gather at this table, invited to bring all that we are with us, encouraged to come as we are, to share and celebrate in community one another's joys.

In your grace, we lift up with gratitude the joys on our hearts today...

We gather at this table to remember Jesus, who commanded us to love one another, to share in life, love, and ministry with one another – adamant that we need never walk this journey alone. Remind us of his intentions for us as we pray the prayer he taught us, 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

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lydia Mulkey

Gracious God, through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life. Through this holy meal and communal worship, strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our love and thanks. **Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Deborah Kapp

\*HYMN 535

*Go With Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON

Blue hymnal

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Alicia Reese

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Shalom Chaverim*

Sha - lom, cha - ve - rim, Sha - lom, cha - ve - rot. Sha - lom, sha - lom. L' -

hit - ra - ot, I' hit - ra - ot, Sha - lom, sha - lom.

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

*(Peace, friends, until we meet again.)*

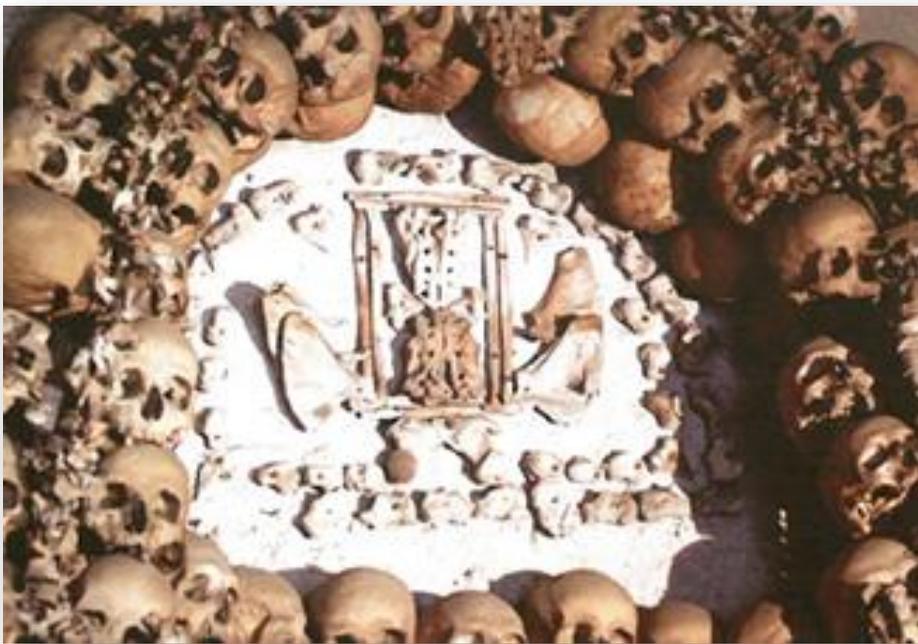
SENDING MUSIC

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
*(from Cantata No. 79) arr. by Virgil Fox*

## SERMON VISUAL AIDS





## TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

**WE WELCOME CONNOR CORNELIUS**, a graduate of Western Michigan University with a BFA in Dance. Connor is the choreographer for musical productions at OPRF High School, a member of Intuit Dance Studio in Chicago where she teaches and dances, and the creator of her own dance company, Grit. Connor will present an original dance as well as present the communion elements.

**WE ALSO WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST**, Mark Sudeith to the organ bench.



**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 Communion coordinators: Karin Pietrini and Bonnie Mize, and the Communion servers; Greeters: Cynthia Collazo, Joanne Despotes, Emory Mead and Anne Paluck; Lead Usher: Bob Larson and the on-call ushers; 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! If you think one or more of these Hospitality Ministries might be a fit for you, please contact Joanne Despotes at [jdespotes@gmail.com](mailto:jdespotes@gmail.com) or 708-209-1377.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

# **Stay and Play (again)!**

Water play on the church lawn following our 10am service, weather permitting.  
Parental supervision required.  
**August 11th from 11am-1pm**  
Bring a bathing suit, towel, and a snack to share. Hot dogs and sprinklers will be provided!

## **Join First United at a WNBA Game!**

Have a little fun with Rev. Deborah before her final week with us! (She's a big women's basketball fan!)

First United group photo with a player!

Autograph session with players!

We'll sit courtside during warm-ups!



**August 18**  
Meet at First United at 3:30p.m.

First come first serve- 20 seats available.  
\$19 per person  
Email [lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com)  
to reserve your tickets.

# 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, AUGUST 4

10:00 am Worship with Communion  
11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

5:30 pm Cluster Summer Reading  
7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

6:30 pm Food Pantry Distribution  
6:45 pm Deacon meeting

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

12:00 pm First United Family Camp  
5:30 pm Cluster Summer Reading  
7:30 pm Faith in Action Committee

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

All Day Family Camp continues

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

All Day Family Camp continues  
9:00 am Food Pantry Distribution

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

All Day Family Camp continues  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Youth Ministry/FUSH Circle

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Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

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