

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
13 OCTOBER 2019

An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

And Jesus taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables.

- Mark 4:2

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Chaconne in F minor

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

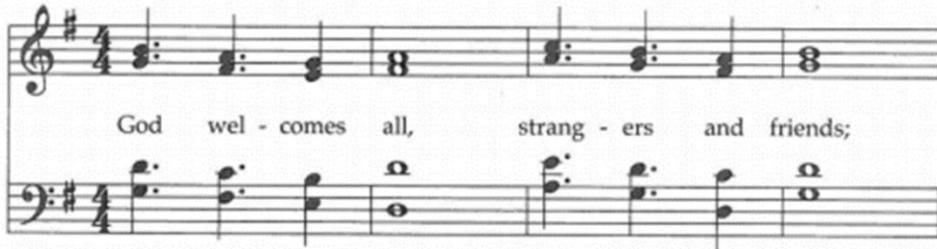
Please sign and pass the black Connections pad.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

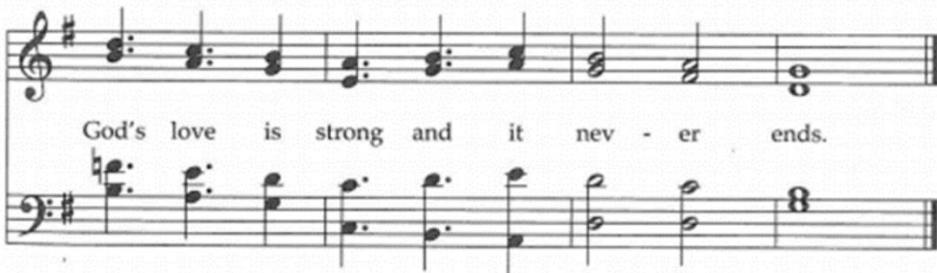
And also with you.

***OPENING SONG**



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;".



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second line of musical notation continues in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.".

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is what God says: I will gather together a great company
and they shall give praise and say:

Thanks be to God, our Mother and Father!

Alleluia, Amen!

I will gather together young and old, joyous and grieving,
Bright-eyed and broken-hearted, and they shall give praise and say:

Thanks be to God, our Mother and Father!

Alleluia, Amen!

Their lives shall become like a watered garden,
they shall never languish again: for I will turn their
mourning into joy, and they shall give praise and say:

Thanks be to God, our Mother and Father!

Alleluia, Amen!

*HYMN

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true,



a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace;



here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: all are wel - come;
here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus: all are wel - come;



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

CALL TO PRAYER

Alicia Reese

Our God is not a God of scarcity, but a God of abundance, who will always welcome us with love and grace. This we know and find comfort in as we turn in prayer to God...

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

God of the lost, the least, and all who long for home. When we find ourselves wandering, meandering without purpose, or are wasteful of the gifts you have given us, welcome us back, guide us to the path. We pray that we may return without shame, finding wholeness in your presence, where together we will celebrate and rejoice in the power of your love.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Friends, hear this good news: there is nothing that can separate you from God's transforming love.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Jerry Sinclair

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

TIME FOR SHARING

Bible Presentation

Lydia Mulkey

We believe the Bible tells of God's love in Jesus Christ. We believe God continues to speak through scripture to people today. We believe that God's word is central to our life as we grow in Christian faith. Because we so believe, we want all God's children to have a Bible, and to read and study it.

Third graders, as you accept your Bible, are you willing to study it, to learn from God's people who lived long ago, and to learn from the story of Jesus' life found in this book?

Third Graders: Yes, we will study and learn from our Bibles.

Parents, God has given you primary responsibility for the religious education of your children. Will you read and study the Bible with your children, help them relate these stories to their lives, and share your faith with them?

Parents: Yes, we will read and study the Bible with our children.

Members of First United, when a child is baptized, we promise to live in a way that enables them to grow among us in the knowledge and love of God. We also promise to support parents in their efforts to guide their children in the way of the gospel and to faithful service in Christ's church. Are you willing to renew this promise to the children and parents standing before you? **Yes, we renew our promise to support these families.**

THE BAPTISM OF HAILEY NOELLE JAKUPOVIC

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism for Hailey Noelle Jakupovic, presented by her parents Jasmine and Melanie and her godparent Lolly Dominksi.

Council Member: On behalf of the Church Council, I present Hailey Noelle Jakupovic to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

QUESTIONS TO THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach this faith to Hailey?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Do you promise, with the help of God, to be followers of God, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of the Holy as best you are able?

Parents and Godparents: We do, with the help of God.

Council Member: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ? If so, please join me in the congregational covenant:

In this act of surpassing grace, we witness the power of God. In baptism, we become newly aware of God's abundant love and mercy. God calls each of us wherever we are, whoever we are, to share in the joy of God's presence in a community of faith. As people who strive to follow Jesus Christ more closely each day, we welcome you, Hailey, to our common journey. Trusting God, we offer you our support and care.

THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE IS LIT

God of new life and of old, of our going out and our coming in, we present to you this child and ask that she be always yours. Today is the day we celebrate her light, her unique flame, her call. May this light guide her journey her whole life long. Amen.

BLESSING THE WATERS

Rev. Lolly Dominski and the children of First United

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Council Member: Hailey has been received into the church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God. Let us welcome our newest sibling in Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRESENTATION

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Let It Breathe On Me

Magnolia Lewis-Butts



Let it breathe on me, — let it breathe on me, — let the breath of the
Spi - rit breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, — let it
breathe on me, — let the breath of God now breathe on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ah What Shame I Have to Bear
Adriana Kopecka, soprano

Imayo

SERMON

Cut from the Same Cloth

John Edgerton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 276

Blue hymnal

Great is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

OFFERTORY

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire

arr. Moses Hogan

***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

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

***HYMN 172**

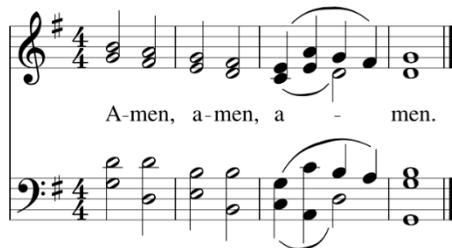
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Blue hymnal

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

DANISH AMEN



A-men, a-men, a - men.

SENDING MUSIC

Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 Clara Kearley, Anne Paluck, Doug Thurman and Patti Warren; Lead Usher Susan Buchanan and the on-call ushers; Sanctuary Guild members Cindy Palombi and Nina Roher; the Sound Board crew including Pete Todd, Mark Breen, Ezra Broughton and Carl Nauert and the 7th and 8th grade Church School Acolytes. 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.

DO YOU HAVE A NAMETAG? Please check to see if you have a nametag on the nametag rack in the lounge. If not, please request one on the clipboard on the lounge desk. It would be great if everyone had a nametag and wore it while our new lead pastor is getting to know us!

EVENTS AND UPDATES

THE MUSIC AT FIRST 2019-2020 SEASON starts with **No Land Beyond** this Saturday, Oct 19, 8 pm in the sanctuary. City Voices, The Oriana Singers, and The Rookery team up to perform music about the intersection of human architecture and indigenous people and the natural world. Hear Philip Glass's music from the movie *Koyaanisqatsi*, Ted Hearne's *Because*, a meditation on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and Vienna Teng's beautiful and scary *Hymn of Axiom* about data mining and the loss of personal information. Admission is \$20; seniors \$15; and students up through college age free with ID.

THE ORIANA VOCAL COLLECTION



NO LAND BEYOND

Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:00 pm

First United Church of Oak Park
848 Lake Street, Oak Park IL

Admission: \$20 Adult / \$15 Senior
Free to students through college with ID

www.oriana.org

Music
at the
intersection
of civilization
and nature,
of utopia
and
dystopia

This program is funded in part by grants from the Oak Park Area Arts Council and the Illinois Arts Council Agency

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.

CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM

708.386.5215

Gene Armstrong, Council Moderator	geneann1113@yahoo.com
Carl Nauert, Council Clerk	chnauert@gmail.com
John Edgerton, Lead Pastor (Ext. 101)	jedgerton@firstunitedoakpark.com
Lydia Mulkey, Associate Pastor of Education (ext. 103)	lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com
Alicia Reese, Pastoral Assoc., Youth & Cong. Care (ext. 104)	areese@firstunitedoakpark.com
William Chin, Director of Music (ext. 108)	bill@firstunitedoakpark.com
Michael Surratt, Organist	msurratt@firstunitedoakpark.com
Amanda Swanson, Manager of Operations (ext. 102)	aswanson@firstunitedoakpark.com
Dennis Cobb, Administrative Assistant (ext. 100)	dcobb@firstunitedoakpark.com
Maureen Wheeler, Financial Consultant (ext. 106)	mwheeler@firstunitedoakpark.com
Suzi Benes, Financial Assistant (ext. 109)	sbenes@firstunitedoakpark.com
Keith Liesse, Manager of Building and Grounds (ext. 110)	kliesse@firstunitedoakpark.com
First United Church Nursery School	708-848-4910, www.firstunitedschool.com
Housing Forward	708-338-1724, www.housingforward.org
Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry	708-386-1324, www.oprffoodpantry.org
The Kid's Kloset, children's clothing ministry	susanzaruba@gmail.com
Cluster Tutoring	773-378-5530, www.clustertutoring.org
Pro Musica Youth Chorus	708-406-9597, www.promusicayouthchorus.org



FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

an open community united in love & justice

848 Lake Street, Oak Park IL 60301 | 708.386.5215

www.firstunitedoakpark.com | [facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark](https://www.facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark)