

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
10 NOVEMBER 2019**

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. JOHN EDGERTON



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

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

GATHERING MUSIC

In dir ist Freude (In Thee is Joy)
Rhosymedre
Michael Surratt, organist

J.S. Bach
Ralph Vaughan Williams

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alicia Reese

We will know Christ when He returns.

We will know Him right on sight.

It won't be by any din of drums,

It won't be by any crown or lofty airs.

We will know Christ by the peace in our hearts.

We will know Christ by the peace between all people.

A peace we have never known.

Yet, a peace that is always inside us.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Blue hymnal

WELCOME

Lydia Mulkey

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
First United Sanctuary Choir, Bill Chin, director
Carl Nauert, clarinet

Calvin Hampton

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER

Rev. Alan Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians, selected verses

*HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

Blue hymnal

SERMON

Dow Edgerton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit



1. We are one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord. We are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand. We will
3. We will work with each oth - er, We will work side by side. We will



one in the Spir - it, We are one in the Lord, And we
walk with each oth - er, We will walk hand in hand, And to -
work with each oth - er, We will work side by side, And we'll



pray — that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored,
ge - ther we'll spread the news that God is in our land, And they'll
guard each oth - er's dig - ni - ty and save each oth - er's pride,



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love, Yes, they'll know — we are Chris - tians by our love.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

GREETING

Rev. Paige Stephan and Rev. Dr. Vertie Powers

Rev. Stephan: The Presbytery of Chicago and the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

Rev. Dr. Powers: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRESENTATION

Council Moderator Gene Armstrong: First United Church of Oak Park, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called John Edgerton as its Lead Pastor and respectfully requests our denominational partners install him in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ and Presbyterian Church USA.

Rev. Stephan: The Chicago Presbytery has reviewed the request of First United Church of Oak Park and is pleased to install John as pastor and teacher.

Rev. Dr. Powers: The Chicago Metropolitan Association has also reviewed your request and is pleased to install John as Pastor and teacher. John, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

Rev. Stephan: Installation is a rite shared in common between the Presbyterian and United Church of Christ traditions. In cooperation with a local church, installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the wider church. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, and the ecumenical church.

EXHORTATION

Rev. Dr. Powers: Hear these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves

Rev. Stephan: We urge you, our brother, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

Rev. Dr. Powers: See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

COVENANT

Rev. Stephan: Dear friends, First United Church of Oak Park has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called John to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry.

Rev. Dr. Powers: John, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that First United Church of Oak Park has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the wider church?

Rev. John Edgerton: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church USA.

Rev. Stephan: Members of First United Church of Oak Park, will you rise in body or spirit and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

We, the members of First United Church of Oak Park, receive John Edgerton as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support.

Rev. Dr. Powers: Members of Chicago Metropolitan Association and the Chicago Presbytery, will you rise in body or spirit and affirm your covenant with First United Church of Oak Park and its pastor and teacher?

We gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of First United Church of Oak Park, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Dr. Vertie Powers

DECLARATION

Rev. Stephan: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the wider church, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of First United Church of Oak Park.

Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*HYMN

Text by Philip Gehring, 2018
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Come to Us

FOUNDATION

Come to us, preach the gos - pel re - vealed in God's word, And be sure that the
 Come to us, be our con - fi - dant, read - y to hear Our con - cerns and our
 Come to us, lead us out of too eas - y as - sent To in - just - ice a -
 Come to us, be our host at the Lord's ho - ly feast, As he gives of him -

Lord's gra - cious mes - sage is heard. Bring heart, mind, and spir - it to teach and ex -
 doubts, our temp - ta - tions and fears. We call you to coun - sel, not judge nor ac -
 round us that we could pre - vent. Speak up, be our proph - et, and be not a -
 self for the great - est and least. Then bless us and charge us be - fore we de -

plain, To shed light on our path, make the rough plac - es plain.
 cuse, But to of - fer the peace that God will not re - fuse.
 afraid; You will not be a - lone, God will come to your aid.
 part, As we go on our way, with God's love in each heart.

* BENEDICTION

John Edgerton

SENDING MUSIC

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

*Following the Service, all are invited to gather in the Lounge
 for a time of fellowship and celebration.*

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 and this time of celebration!

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'.



PLEASE RECYCLE your bulletin in one of the bins near the Sanctuary exits.

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.



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