

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
9 FEBRUARY 2020
SCOUT SUNDAY



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country,
to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times,
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”
- Boy Scout Oath

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

GATHERING MUSIC Theme and Five Variations on *National Hymn* Margaret Vardell Sandresky

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** *Guide My Feet* **GUIDE MY FEET**

1. Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*OPENING READING

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

-*The New Colossus*, Emma Lazarus

*HYMN 594

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

MATERNA

Black hymnal

REFLECTION

Citizenship

TIME FOR SHARING

Stan Faust

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Nothing Can Trouble

NADA TE TURBE

1

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

2

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le ful - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Nothing Can Trouble' (Nada Te Turbe). It is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A first ending bracket is placed over the final two measures of the first system. The second system also includes a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics continue below the treble staff. A second ending bracket is placed over the final two measures of the second system. The score is presented in a clean, black and white format.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

This Land Is Your Land

Woody Guthrie

Musicians: Don Sibley, Susan Buchanan, Len Palombi

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York Island
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
While all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
A voice was chanting, As the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing,
That side was made for you and me.

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York Island
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

OFFERTORY*O Grant Us Light*

Philip Gehring

O grant us light, that we may know the wisdom you alone can give,
 That truth may guide us as we go, and virtue bless the lives we live.
 O grant us light that we may find where error lurks in human lore,
 And turn to you our seeking minds, and love your holy Word the more.
 O grant us light, that we may learn how dead is life from you apart,
 How sure is joy for all who turn to you an undivided heart.
 O grant us light, when soon or late, all earthly scenes shall pass away,
 In you to find the open gate, to deathless home and endless day.

— Laurence Tuttiett (1864)

***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**GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE****OUR LIFE TOGETHER*****HYMN 593***Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Black hymnal

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**BENEDICTION RESPONSE***Amen*

AMEN

The musical score consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' The second system also has two staves with lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The music is in 3/2 time and features a mix of chords and melodic lines.

SENDING MUSIC*Toccata on National Hymn*

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THE GATHERING AND SENDING MUSIC today is a set of variations on the hymn tune NATIONAL HYMN which has often been sung to the text “God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand.” It is hymn 592 in our black hymnals with the text “God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command” and hymn 262 in our blue hymnals with the text “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand.”

The variations played today were composed by Margaret Vardell Sandresky in 2016, published in 2018, and played at the Washington National Cathedral on July 4, 2019. Mrs. Sandresky, born April 27, 1921, is still an active composer today. She was Michael Surratt’s organ teacher at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, and he was her assistant organist at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, NC, when he was in high school. Michael plays the organ today and every day with an attitude of gratitude for Mrs. Sandresky and all mentors and teachers who have blessed our personal and professional lives with their knowledge, experience and love.

TODAY’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, *O Grant Us Light*, was composed for the Sanctuary Choir by First United member Philip Gehring. It was premiered by the choir on February 13, 2011. Phil was Professor of Organ at Valparaiso University from 1958-1988.



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 those who provide Hospitality through various ministries.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

OUR NEW MEMBER CLASS is for regular churchgoers interested in becoming First United members and for newcomers wanting to know more. The series is designed to give attendees a base of knowledge on life at First United and a chance to formally join. A class started this morning. If you would like to join us for subsequent weeks, please contact Lydia at lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com for more information.

DINNER & A MOVIE - Friday, February 14: *One Child Nation*. From 1979 to 2015, the Chinese government strictly enforced a one-child policy. In this eye-opening documentary, director (and first-time mother) Nanfu Wang looks at the history, social ramifications and personal costs of that draconian measure. Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 p.m. (free). Sign up in the Lounge or call Cynthia Collazo, 708-383-9228.

PICTURE DIRECTORY MAKE-UP SESSION! Did you miss our photo sessions in January? Are you interested in being included in the new picture directory? We need 18 individuals or families in order to schedule another picture day! Please email Alicia Reese or sign up on the sheet at the elder desk in the lounge. It would be scheduled on a Tuesday from 2-8:30 p.m. in late February or early March. Please sign up today!

FUJI CHILI COOK-OFF! Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. All are invited to enter a chili or cornbread into the Chili Cook-Off! Winners will receive a prize and one year of bragging rights! We will enjoy good food, fellowship, and a festive Centennial Hall. Suggested donations are \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

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!

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, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 am Church School Leader Breakfast
9:30 am Education for all ages
11:00 am Worship
Noon Prayer & Anointing
4:00 pm FUJI
5:00 pm FUSH Youth Board
6:00 pm FUSH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:30 pm Beyond Hunger & FIA
6:00 pm Monday Bible Study
6:00 pm PADS Emergency Shelter
7:00 pm Building & Grounds
7:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 pm Newcomers Committee
7:00 pm Personnel Committee
7:00 pm Youth Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group
3:30 pm Beyond Hunger Food Pantry
Distribution

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:30 pm Dinner & A Movie

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am Beyond Hunger Food Pantry
Distribution

4:30 pm Pack 16 Blue and Gold Celebration

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am Church School Leader Breakfast
9:30 am Education for all ages
11:00 am Worship
Noon Prayer & Anointing
4:00 pm FUJI
6:00 pm FUSH

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

Beyond Hunger

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Cluster Tutoring

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