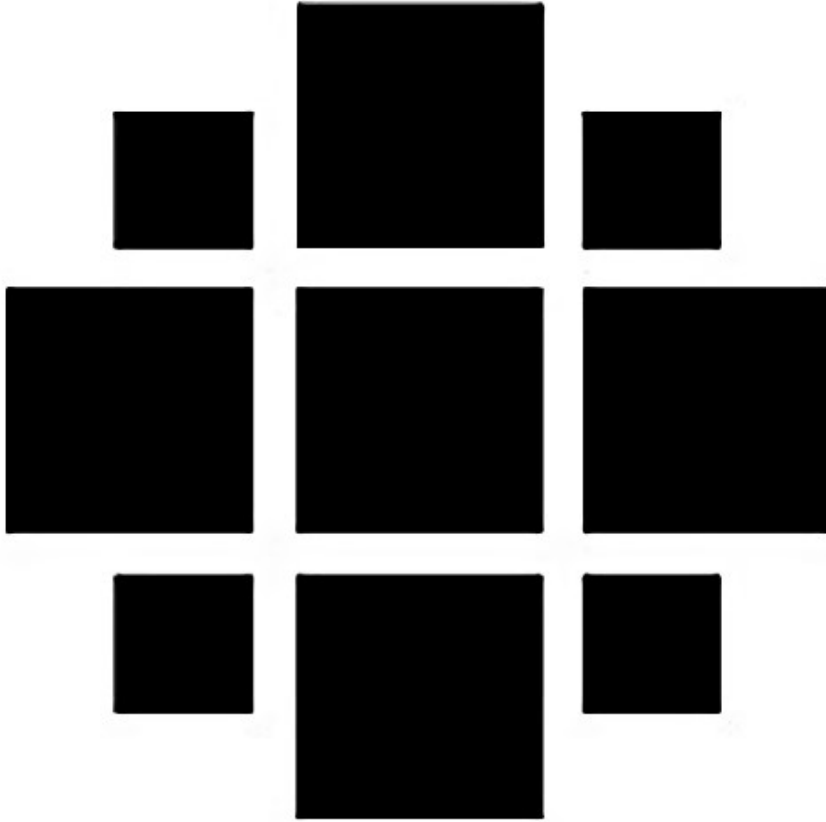


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
July 10, 2022



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michael Surratt

Solemn Melody by H. Walford Davies

WELCOME

Lydia Mulkey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marteki Reed

Beloveds, rise up! God calls us to courage.

We are made for days like these.

With hearts that burn for justice, and the strength to face our fears.

We are alive to the possibilities of Love.

Present to the pain around us, we hold each other close.

Pressing on in faith,

Guided by collective wisdom,

The dreams of God will lead us.

*PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

From the Crush of Wealth and Power (Black hymnal no. 552)

**From the crush of wealth and power something broken in us all
waits the Spirit's silent hour pleading with a poignant call,
bind all my wounds again.**

Even now our hearts are wary of the friend we need so much.

**When I see the pain you carry, shall I, with a gentle touch,
bind all your wounds again?**

**When our love for one another makes our burdens light to bear,
find the sister and the brother, hungry for the feast we share;
bind all their wounds again.**

**Every time our spirits languish, terrified to draw too near,
may we know each other's anguish and, with love that casts out fear,
bind all our wounds again.**

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Laurie Jolicoeur

God of compassion, of mercy, and of tenderness, in Christ, you have shown us how to love one another; how to meet the pain of our neighbors with the care that is needed. And yet, we still have so much to learn. Enable us to live open to new perspectives, to receive correction when we stray from love, and to grow through our interactions with one another.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

The God of compassion, mercy, and tenderness has heard you. You are forgiven and free. Live in that freedom! **Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God (Black hymnal no. 283)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME FOR SHARING

Lydia Mulkey

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, traditional Spiritual arr. Judy Nishimura

SCRIPTURE READING -- Luke 10:25-37

SERMON – THERE ARE NO DUMB QUESTIONS

*SERMON RESPONSE

Creator God, Creating Still (Black hymnal no. 278, vv. 1-3)

**Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
Create a new humanity to meet the present need.**

**Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.**

**Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
Empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?" (Black hymnal no. 541)

They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love;
for whom should I do a good deed?"

Then Jesus related a story and said,

"It's anyone who has a need,
yes, anyone who has a need."

There once was a traveler set on by thieves
who beat him and left him to die;

A priest and a Levite each saw him in pain;
but they turned away and walked by,

yes, they turned away and walked by.

A certain Samaritan then came along
to bind up his wounds and give aid;
He took him to stay at an inn until well,
and for all the service he paid
yes, for all the service he paid.

I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love,
for whom I should do a good deed;
For Jesus made clear in the story he told,
it's anyone who has a need,
yes, its anyone who has a need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Dirk Labuschagne
**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, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*CLOSING HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! 2x

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*BLESSING

Lydia Mulkey

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (Black hymnal no. 282)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray

POSTLUDE

Michael Surratt

Psalm XIX by Benedetto Marcello

EVENTS AND UPDATES

Below is just a sampling of the news and events at First United. We invite you to subscribe to receive our monthly "Messenger Bell" newsletter and our weekly "News & Events" eblast by visiting firstunitedoakpark.com. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark) where we share our weekly newsletter and lots more!

NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP, JULY 17

We hope you enjoyed last week's outdoor worship service. We will have two more opportunities to worship together outside on July 17 and August 21. See you on the labyrinth!

FUSH CARWASH NEXT SUNDAY!

Get your car freshened up by our FUSH youth on Sunday, July 17 after worship at the FUSH car wash fundraiser. We'll be washing from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the First United parking lot. Suggested donation of \$15 per car.

MEMORIAL SERVICE INFORMATION FOR REV. KENT ORGAN

There will be a memorial service for former First United Interim Pastor Kent Organ on July 23 at 11 a.m. at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Kent passed recently from complications from long-term Covid-19. Please hold Kent's wife Vicky and friends and family in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY CAMP

Join us at Tower Hill for Family Camp August 11 through August 14. We tent camp as a group with nearby flush toilets and warm showers. Bring your own equipment, food, and a dish to share for our potluck dinner on Saturday night. Visit the beach, pick berries, or go antiquing. Contact Cathy Cerniglia at cgcernig@comcast.net or 708-337-1990 with questions or for more information.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED!

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 LGBTQ+ people in membership & ministry.

ADULT EDUCATION

Faith formation doesn't end after Church School. Adult Education takes a variety of forms, from small, group Bible studies to Sunday morning speaker series. Watch the Thursday Eblast for the latest offerings.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & OUR NURSERY

We love to have children in worship! Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary. We also offer safe, quality childcare and quiet play for children five and under in our nursery. Ask an usher for directions.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is for children ages birth through 8th grade. Meeting most Sundays at 9:45 a.m., we tell stories of the Bible using a lens of love and justice with singing, praying, and creating. Speak with Lydia Mulkey (lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com) to learn more.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

We hope you enjoy the music of our Sanctuary Choir and soloists in worship. COVID-19 has altered the way we do music, but music remains deeply important to our worship experience. For more information contact Bill Chin (bill@firstunitedoakpark.com).

YOUTH PROGRAMS – FUJI (JR. HIGH) & FUSH (SR. HIGH)

The youth groups meet on Sunday evenings from 5 – 6:30 pm here at the church. Contact Alicia Reese (areese@firstunitedoakpark.com) for more information.



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