

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
Outdoor Worship
July 17, 2022



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michael Surratt

Prelude No. 2 for piano by George Gershwin

WELCOME

Lydia Mulkey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Macaulay

One: Let us come in worship before God to meet the Spirit of God.

Many: **Not to give religion an hour, but to live in the eternal.**

One: Not to maintain a habit, but to humbly seek the presence of the Holy One.

Many: **Not to judge the words of another, but to draw life from the Truth Everlasting.**

One: Not that our thoughts may escape from the cares of the world,

Many: **But that they may become focused on the one, true God.**

One: Because our spirits have welcomed God, we are in the presence of God.

Many: **Thanks be to You, O God, for the gift of Your Presence.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (Black hymnal no. 531)

**God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.**

**O lead me, God, that I may lead some wanderers along life's way;
O feed me so that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.**

**O fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know;
in glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, God, use even me just as you will, and when and where,
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Lydia Mulkey

God of Justice and Mercy, like the prophets, we lament the exploitation people and places feel at the hands of the powerful. We weep for the destruction around us, calling out to God for justice. Hold us accountable when we live in ways that harm others. Strengthen us, that we might be able to withstand the vulnerability required for relationships of care. Guide us in your Love as way-makers of righteousness.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

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

Alicia Reese

SCRIPTURE READING – Amos 7:1-9

Susan Macaulay

SERMON

John Edgerton

*SERMON RESPONSE

Creator God, Creating Still

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

John Edgerton

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice. R/

The mystery of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. R/

You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. R/

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*CLOSING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Go with Me (Black hymnal no. 490)

**I want Jesus to go with me;
I want Jesus to go with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
O I want Jesus to go with me.**

**In my trials, O comfort me;
In my trials, O comfort me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
O I want Jesus to comfort me.**

**When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;
When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O I want Jesus to stay with me.**

*BLESSING

Lydia Mulkey

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

**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

Invention in B-flat by J. S. Bach

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!

FUSH CARWASH TODAY!

Get your car freshened up by our FUSH youth today 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.

UNITED POWER ASSEMBLY TODAY

Please join us at the United Power Assembly this Sunday, July 17, 2022.

Ride the bus to the House of Hope where we will take action for affordable housing, mental health services, and gun violence prevention. The bus will load at First United at 2 p.m. and leave by 2:15.

SPENCER LAJOYE IN CONCERT, JULY 29

First United is excited to host Spencer LaJoye for a “quasi-spiritual concert for messy peacemakers.” Spencer is a folk/pop singer songwriter, violinist, and vocal loop artist who comes to us from Boston. On July 29 at 7 p.m., in a free concert, Spencer will share their own story through their autobiographical folk songs, inviting the audience to believe we're all made of the same good stuff. Preregister your attendance at tinyurl.com/34s9r822

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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