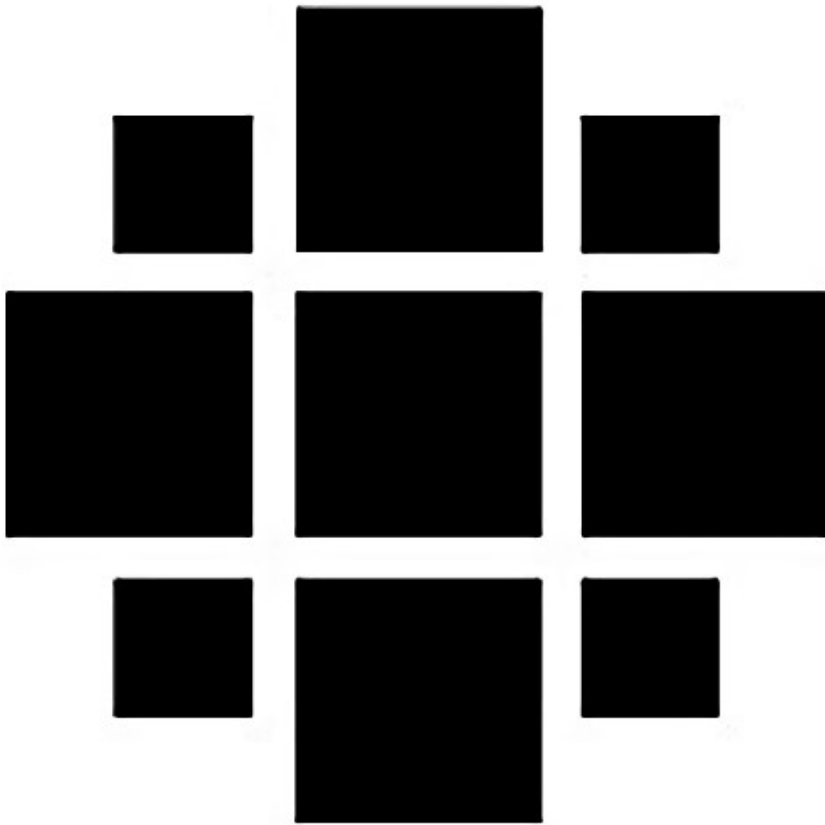


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

July 24, 2022



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michael Surratt

Prelude and Fugue in G minor by Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

John Edgerton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry (Black hymnal no. 511)

**I love my God, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne**

**I love my God, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.**

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Lydia Mulkey

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

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

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

John Edgerton

*SERMON RESPONSE

Creator God, Creating Still (Black hymnal no. 278)

**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

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed-a be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

Hallowed-a be Thy name.

On earth as it is in heaven,
Hallowed-a be Thy name,
Give us this day our daily bread,
Hallowed-a be Thy name.

And forgive us all our debts,
Hallowed-a be Thy name.
As we forgive our debtors,
Hallowed-a be Thy name.

And lead us not into temptation.
Hallowed-a be Thy name.
But deliver us from evil,
Hallowed-a be Thy name.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory.
Hallowed-a be Thy name.
Forever and ever. Amen.
Hallowed-a be Thy name.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Black hymnal no. 506)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to our God in prayer!

Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

*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

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne by Dietrich Buxtehude

Michael Surratt

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!

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP LEAD WORSHIP

Sign up to become a volunteer liturgist! Volunteer liturgists fill a variety of roles in worship including reading Scripture, leading the call to worship, and/or offering one of the many prayers in our Sunday service. Readings and/or any pieces of liturgy will be provided to you a few days before the day that you serve in worship. We do ask that volunteers plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. Visit firstunitedoakpark.com/worshiping-at-first-united and scroll down to “Volunteer Liturgists” to sign up. You can also find a direct link to the signup genius in the weekly eblast.

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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