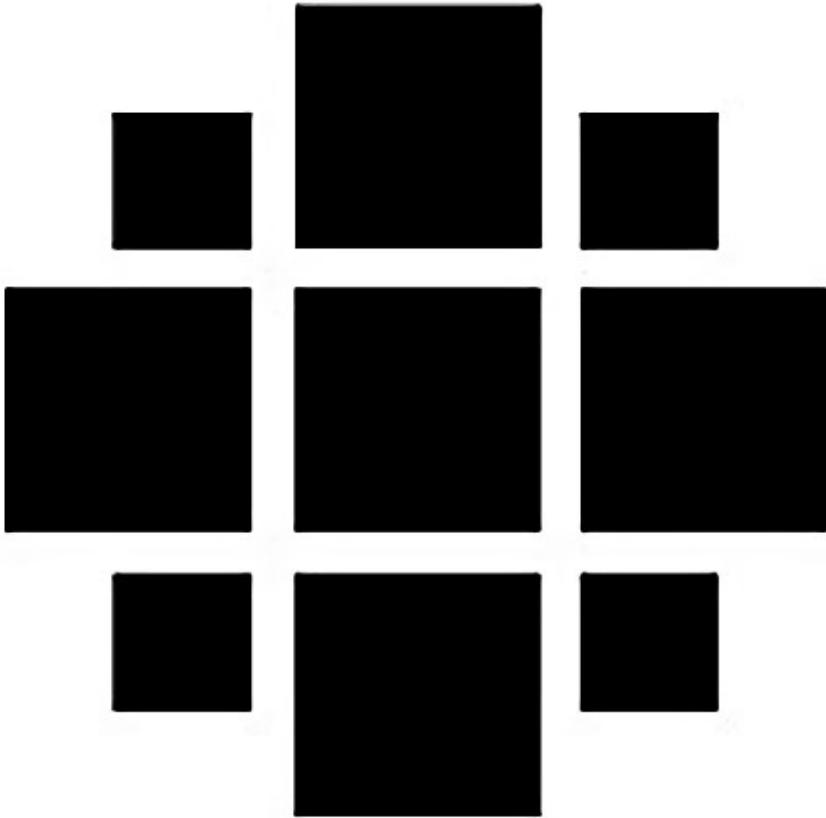


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
November 6, 2022
All Saints



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sanctus from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré
arr. by Darwin Wolford

Sallie Smylie, piano
& Mark Sudeith, organ

WELCOME

Alicia Reese

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marteki Reed

One: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

Many: If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

One: So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Many: For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

One: We who belong to Christ, let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

When Peace, Like a River
(*It Is Well With My Soul*), (Black hymnal no. 438)

Sanctuary Choir
& Congregation

When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,

When sorrows like sea billows roll,

Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,

"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,**

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

and has paid life and blood for my soul:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin—not in part, but the whole—
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
When clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
“even so”—it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well it is well with my soul.**

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Marteki Reed

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MUSICAL MOVEMENT NO. 1

Requiem aeternam from *Requiem* by John Rutter

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.

Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion

Et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam. Ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Sanctuary Choir

Marilee Castañeda, flute

Louise Olivo-Kier, oboe

Lillian Lau, harp

Mark Sudeith, organ

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion, And a vow shall be paid to thee in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer. All flesh shall come before you

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME FOR SHARING

Elaine Pierce & Bill Chin

SCRIPTURE READING – HEBREWS 12

Marteki Reed

SERMON – FROM THE VERY FIRST

John Edgerton

MUSICAL MOVEMENT NO. 2

Sanctuary Choir

O Grant Us Light by 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)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE OFFERING

John Edgerton

MUSICAL MOVEMENT NO. 3

Sanctuary Choir

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

from *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth,

For the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
Blest are they that dwell within thy house,
They praise thy name evermore.
How lovely is thy dwelling place!

READING THE NAMES OF THE SAINTS & CANDLE LIGHTING

MUSICAL MOVEMENT NO. 4
In Paradisum from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré

Sanctuary Choir
Lillian Lau, harp
Mark Sudeith, organ

In paradisum deducant angeli. In tuo adventu suscipiant te martyris.
Et perducant te in civitatem sanctem Jerusalem.
Chorum angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeat requiem.

*May the angels receive you in paradise. At your coming may the martyrs
receive you. And bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choir of
angels receive you, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may you have eternal
rest.*

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*BLESSING & AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Alicia Reese & John Edgerton

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong body and soul to God.

We trust in God, the creator,

**whom Jesus called Abba, who created the world good and us in their
image.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, the redeemer,

fully human, fully divine, the way the truth and the life.

We trust the Holy Spirit, the sustainer,

**who binds us together as the body of Christ, with believers of every time
and place.**

We believe in the triune God:

Who welcomes our laughter

And moves us to wonder...

Who welcomes our questions

And loves us to trust...

Who welcomes our doubts

And loves us to faith.

This we believe. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

For All the Saints (Black hymnal no. 299)

Sanctuary Choir
& Congregation

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Prelude on 'Sine Nomine' by Leo Sowerby

Mark Sudeith

The Deacons are available after worship in the Chapel for a time of private prayer and conversation.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

Below is just a sampling of the news and events at First United. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark) where we share our weekly newsletter and lots more!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

We will gather on **November 13 after worship in the Sanctuary** for our **annual meeting** where we will discuss the budget, ministry outline for the coming year, and annual reports. We will begin the meeting as soon as we have a quorum. Watch your email for more information and a number of supporting documents that will be useful to keep with you for the meeting.

HOLIDAY FOOD AND GIFT BASKET STARTS TODAY

Holiday Food and Gift Basket is back! Sponsor individuals and families through this Community of Congregations program. You can pick up gift tags on Sundays, starting November 6, before and after worship in the lounge. Look for Sher Watts Spooner by the little Christmas tree. Gifts are due back at church on Sunday, December 4.

PARENTING CONVERSATION WITH KATE OTT, NOVEMBER 6

Join author/expert Kate Ott from 4-5:30 p.m. on November 6 for a parenting conversation on sexuality and faith. The conversation is open to parents of kids ages 0-18. Register on Realm.

DINNER AND A MOVIE, NOVEMBER 11

The Go-Go's: Inspired by the punk movement and determined to define their musical destiny, the Go-Go's became the first all-girl band to play their own instruments, write their own songs, and score a No. 1 album, as recounted in this engaging documentary. Dinner at 6:00 (\$5 donation); movie at 6:30 (free). Call Liz Swan (708-567-3490) to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATE: ALICIA'S ORDINATION IS NOVEMBER 19

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 19 at 2 p.m. as we celebrate the ordination of Alicia Reese. It is sure to be a blessed and wonderful day.

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 Sundays at 9:45 a.m., we tell stories of the Bible using a lens of love and justice with singing, praying, and creating. Contact the office (office@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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