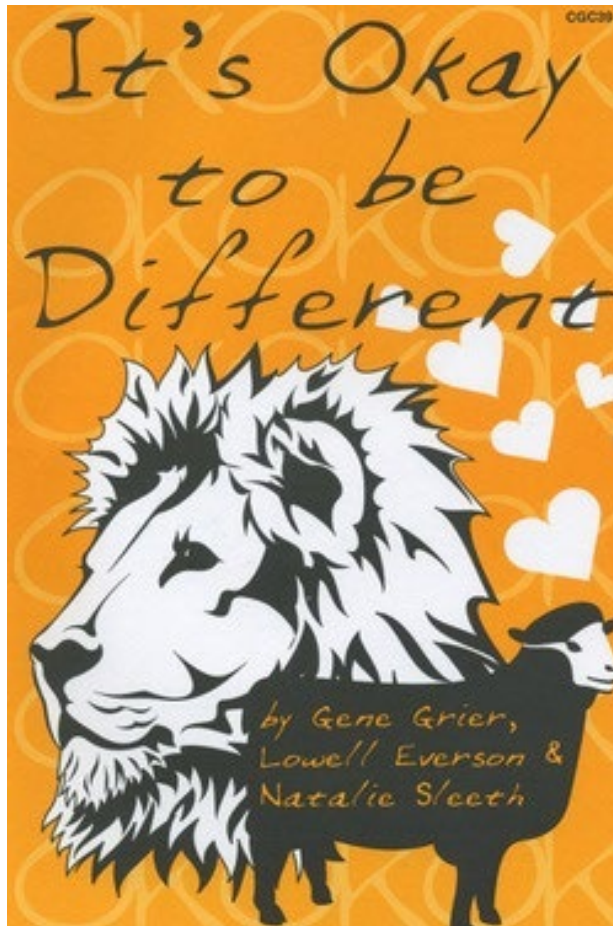


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

May 21, 2023



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Mark Sudeith

Prelude on 'God Be with You' by Roland Riese

WELCOME

John Edgerton

BLESS THE BOOKS!

Deb Stracco & Ann Armstrong

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8 (Black hymnal p. 624)

R/ How majestic is your name in all the earth.

O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established:

What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them? **R/**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of
the seas.

O God, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! **R/**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Marteki Reed

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Sanctuary Choir
& Congregation

When in our music God is glorified

Tune: **SURRATT**

Commissioned by the First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois in dedication to Michael Surratt

♩ = 60

David Hurd



1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and a - dor - a - tion leaves no
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di - men - sion in the
 3. So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and love, through cen - tu -
 4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most e - vil strove a -
 5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re - joice who have a



room for pride, _____ it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 world of sound, _____ as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 ries of wrong, _____ borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue,
 gainst the Light? _____ Then let us sing for whom he won the fight,
 voice to raise! _____ And may God give us faith to sing al - ways,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

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PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

Marteki Reed

Holy God, we confess that we believe your word, but our minds are often full of doubt. We trust your promises, but our hearts are often fearful. We remember the grace you extend to us in our sacraments, but often forget to respond to your grace. We believe—forgive our unbelief. We preach your power of love, but still succumb to the love of power. We proclaim your justice while we remain caught up in systems of injustice. Awake in us your

spirit of unity. Enflame us with the power of your love, make us hunger and thirst for justice. Captivate our minds, God, and let your Spirit dwell in our hearts so that we might be transformed. We believe—help our unbelief.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. And when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. We are God's beloved & forgiven people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSICAL ASSURANCE OF LOVE

Sanctuary Choir
& Congregation

Be Still and Know

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)
E C#m E7 C#m
*

Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)
A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7

Be still and know that I am God.

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Still and Know'. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (half). The second staff continues with: G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. Chord symbols are provided above and below the staves. The first staff has chords (C), (Am), (C7), and (Am) above the staff, and E, C#m, E7, and C#m below the staff. The second staff has chords (F), (C), (Dm), (Em), (Fmaj7), and (G7) above the staff, and A, E, F#m, G#m, Amaj7, and B7 below the staff. There are asterisks under the E and C#m chords in the first staff.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

It's Ok to be Different by Gene Grier, Lowell Everson and Natalie Sleeth;
directed by Marilee Castañeda, Director of Children's Music

Based on Isaiah 11:6

Why Can't We Get Along?

Listen With Your Heart

It's Okay to Be Different

The Lord God Made Us All

Melody and Harmony

Kum Ba Ya

The Lion and the Lamb

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE OFFERING – 4TH SUNDAY

Erik Johnson

Housing Forward

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

Walk Humbly with Your God by Fred Gramann

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace, grace to fortify.

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth give ear!

Should you not justice know?

Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Then justly; in mercy; we'll humbly walk with God.

— Albert F. Bayly (1901–1984)

*DOXOLOGY

Sanctuary Choir

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

& Congregation

(Lasst uns erfreuen)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ all people here below,

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Praise Holy Spirit Evermore,

Praise Triune God whom we adore,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Blue hymnal no. 589)

**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 the glory,
Hallowed-a be Thy name.
Forever and ever. Amen. Hallowed-a be Thy name.**

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

BLESSING AND INSTRUCTIONS

John Edgerton

*CLOSING HYMN

Sanctuary Choir
& Congregation

God Be with You (Black hymnal no. 81)

**God be with your till we meet again; / By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; / Wings of shelter safely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again. R/**

**God be with you till we meet again; / When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again. R/**

**God be with you till we meet again; / Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet
again. R/**

POSTLUDE

Mark Sudeith

Finale by David Hurd

EVENTS AND UPDATES

Below is just a sampling of the news and events at First United. You can find our full calendar at firstunitedoakpark.com/calendar. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark) for our weekly newsletter and lots more.

COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS SPRING GATHERING

Join the Community of Congregations for its Spring Gathering on Tuesday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at Oak Park Temple. The presentation will feature speakers from Live Free Illinois, a non-profit doing work with formerly incarcerated people. Hear powerful testimony about ways that people can rebuild lives after time in prison, and ways they are making a big difference in the world. New officers will also be elected and we will vote on bylaws changes.

A DAY IN OUR VILLAGE

We are making plans to participate in the Oak Park annual "Day in Our Village" on June 4. Watch the eblast this week for ways to participate in our booth.

SAVE THE DATE: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On June 11, we will celebrate our Quest Class of 2023 with a special Confirmation worship. Our Questers will present the message and serve as worship leaders. We will continue our joyful celebration cake in the lounge after worship.

OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP: THIRD SUNDAYS

On the third Sunday of each month this summer, we will gather on the labyrinth for outdoor worship at our regular worship time of 11 a.m. In the event of rain, worship will move indoors.

FUSH FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in FUSH's Parents' Night Out, Bingo Night, and Stock Sales. Together we have raised \$2200 to support our youth on the summer service trip! And there is still one more opportunity: mark your calendars for June 25 for the FUSH car wash. Suggested donation of \$15 per car.

BUILDING CLOSED MAY 29

First United will be closed on May 29 in observance of Memorial 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. Our programs are currently on hiatus for the summer, but we look forward to seeing you again in September!

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., September through mid-May, we tell stories of the Bible using a lens of love and justice with singing, praying, and creating. Contact Lydia Mulkey (lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com) to learn more.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Are you interested in singing in worship with our Sanctuary Choir? Rehearsals will resume in September. 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 – 7 pm here at the church, September through mid-May. Contact Alicia Reese (areese@firstunitedoakpark.com) for more information.



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