

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK  
11 JUNE 2017



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the *full hearts of his transformed disciples*. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a *spirit-filled fellowship*. Not a rolled-away stone, but a *carried-away church*.” - Clarence Jordan

\*Please stand in body or spirit. Please silence cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

*Echo Fantasy*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red pew pad.

Britt Cox

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Mulkey

Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

**Praise to God our Liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.**

Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

**Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.**

Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

**Praise to the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts and sustains us.**

Come let us worship the Earth-Maker, the Pain-Bearer, and the Life-Giver—

**Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN 274

*Womb of Life, and Source of Being*

HYMN TO JOY

black hymnal

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Lydia Mulkey

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you.

**We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard.**

We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.

**Flame of Love, purify us from sin;**  
Eternal Now, lead us to your truth;  
**Risen One, baptize us into union with you.**

God who is Trinity, transform us into faithful disciples who commit our lives to you.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this great good news:

By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

**The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of Life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

### TIME FOR SHARING

Alicia Reese

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken*

IONA COMMUNITY

The Leader will sing it through once, then all repeat.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The first staff has four circled numbers (1, 2, 3, 4) above the first four measures. The lyrics are: "Lis-ten to the Word that God has spo-ken, Lis-ten to the One who is close at hand;". The second staff has the lyrics: "Lis-ten to the Voice be-hind cre - a-tion, Lis-ten ev-en if you don't un-der-stand.".

### READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NT p. 186)

Alicia Reese

### READING

Matthew 28:16-20 (NT p. 34)

### SERMON

Shall We Dance?

Britt Cox

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 58  
black hymnal

*Spirit of Love*

PERFECT LOVE

## COMMISSIONING OF FUSH WORK CAMP PARTICIPANTS

When asked which commandment in the law is greatest, Jesus replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

As you embark on this mission trip, these twin statements converge as one. As you travel to be fully physically, spiritually and mentally present with others in a different place and circumstance as yourself, you express a love of God with your whole self. As you learn and grow from the experience, your neighbor's life becomes entwined with yours. It is a love by God that will not let us go.

## COVENANT OF PARTICIPANTS

Love God. Love Neighbor.

**We go to be present with one another and with those who host us.**

Love God. Love Neighbor.

**We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the lives of others.**

Love God. Love Neighbor.

**We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.**

Love God. Love Neighbor.

**We go so we can come back, empowered to work for a just world for all.**

## CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

As you go, we go with you:

awed by God's wonder,

present with our prayers,

changed by your commitment,

and empowered to work together upon your return for a just world for all.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Alicia Reese

Offerings are a sacred act of worship. We invite you to use the green giving cards in the pew rack to celebrate what you've already given or to make an additional donation.

## OFFERTORY

*God Has Made Laughter*

Kathy Wonson Eddy, arr. Bell

## \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below.**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lydia Mulkey

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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

\*HYMN 302

*I Danced in the Morning*

SIMPLE GIFTS

blue hymnal

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Let It Breathe on Me*

Let it breathe on me, — let it breathe on me, — let the breath of the  
Spi - rit breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, — let it  
breathe on me, — let the breath of God now breathe on me.

SENDING MUSIC

*Prelude and Fugue in D*

Dietrich Buxtehude

# TODAY AT FIRST UNITED



PLEASE RECYCLE your bulletin in one of the bins near the Sanctuary exits.

JOIN THE DEACONS for prayer and anointing in the chapel following Worship.

HEARING AMPLIFICATION DEVICES--INCLUDING T-COIL CABLES, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, BIBLES AND HYMNALS are available for use during worship. Please talk to a greeter to obtain these items and return the amplification device to the greeter. Large print bibles and hymnals should be returned to the table behind the middle pews.

## COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS PEACE NIGHT

Teaching Peace in Personal Relationships

Who: MJ and Jerry Park of Little Friends for Peace Where: St. John's United Methodist Church, 1100 Ontario Street, Oak Park, Illinois When: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 14 Cost: Free



# Moving from

*words to witness*  
in our relationship with God,

*individualism to intimate*  
fellowship in our relationship with other members of the church community,

*charity to changing*  
structures in our relationship with the world.

**WELCOME-** We're glad you joined us for worship. Learn about First United:

- Visit the welcome desk in the lounge or the visitor table in the narthex to receive more information about the church and a gift to take home with you.
- Sign the registration pad when it's passed. Include your email to receive our weekly e-news and devotional!
- Speak with any greeter or minister or join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Contact Britt Cox at 708.386.5215 or [bcox@firstunitedoakpark.com](mailto:bcox@firstunitedoakpark.com) for information about Newcomers Gatherings and any additional questions.

**ABOUT US -** 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 GLBTQ people in membership & ministry.

**ABOUT WORSHIP -** Worship is our time to praise and grow closer to God. Worship each week includes song, prayer, learning, silence and giving. If you have any questions about what we do, please ask a minister or a member.

**WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN -** We welcome all children to participate fully in worship. Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary. We offer safe, quality childcare and quiet play for children five and under in our nursery (just off the lounge). Accompanied by a parent, these children may leave after Time for Sharing.

**RESTROOMS & WiFi -** Accessible restrooms are located off the church lounge. Free Wireless Internet is available in all areas except the Sanctuary. Network: 'FirstGuest', password: 'FirstUnited'.

**GIVING -** Offering envelopes are in the pew racks. You can also give one time or recurring gifts online at [www.firstunitedoakpark.com/giving](http://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/giving).



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**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Work Camp meeting

**MONDAY, JUNE 12**

6:00 pm Communications committee meeting  
 7:00 pm Deacon meeting  
 7:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts meeting

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

7:30 am Housing Forward Res. Dev. mtg.  
 6:30 pm Tech committee meeting  
 7:00 pm Finance committee meeting  
 7:00 pm Newcomers committee meeting  
 7:00 pm Summer Sings – Mozart Requiem  
 7:30 pm Faith in Action committee meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

6:00 pm Troop 16 Summer Camp meeting  
 6:30 pm Pro Musica Board Meeting

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

7:00 pm Pro Musica Fundraising meeting

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17****SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

10:00 am Worship  
 3:00 pm Kay Thorpe Memorial Service

**CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM  
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