

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
18 JUNE 2017



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"You give light. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope.
You restore every heart that is broken. Great are you God"
Lyrics from "Great Are You God," by All Sons and Daughters

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Antiphons V and III

Marcel Dupre

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red pew pad.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

We are here because we want to be God's people.

We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

* HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

blue hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith. We are weighed down with doubt, guilt, anxiety and anger. We often lack the courage to trust in you. We too often lose a hope centered in you and lose faith. Fill our hearts with the assurance of your love, and renew our hope that is centered in Christ, that we may serve you with joyful and faith-filled abandon. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME FOR SHARING

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken

IONA COMMUNITY



Lis-ten to the Word that God has spo-ken, Lis-ten to the One who is close at hand;



Lis-ten to the Voice be-hind cre - a-tion, Lis-ten ev-en if you don't un-der-stand.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 116: 1-2, 17-19 (OT p. 564)

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-8 (NT p. 155)

SERMON

Does Hope Have a Future?

Dr. Steve Pierce

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

blue hymnal

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but the same Spirit is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Recognizing the gifts that God has given all of us, we also call through the voice of this congregation, particular women and men to service as elders and deacons. We confirm this call to ministry through ordination and installation this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We accept these elders and deacons as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ. We promise to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Tierce en Taille

Francois Couperin

*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

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 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

INTERCESSOR

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

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

THIS SUNDAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of the life of former First United member Kay Thorpe. A memorial service for Kay will be held today at First United at 3 p.m.



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.

EVENTS AND UPDATES

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Sermon Series: "The One Who Sees" – Hagar

Youth share stories from work camp

Genesis 21: 8-21

WANT TO BE A FURST ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPANION? OF COURSE YOU DO!

The First United Refugee Support Team (FURST) is seeking volunteers who would be willing to be English language companions for the children of the Alsaad family during the summer months. Ideally, we'd like to be able to send two people once a week to work with Banen (7), Mujtaba (8), Abrar (12), and Ayat (13). All four kids are whip-smart and eager to learn and practice English.

If interested, please contact John Chapman-Rienstra (wolverienstra@gmail.com), Charlie Morris (cmorris91120@gmail.com), or Leah Beckwith (leahb44@ameritech.net).

MIDPOINT BOCCE BALL LUAU!

MIDPOINT will hold it's first bocce ball luau! Please join us on Saturday, June 24 at 6:30 at the Bocce ball courts in River Forest (on Lake Street by Jewel). Dress in your favorite Hawaiian shirt and let's play some bocce. A great time to connect with old and new MIDPOINT members. We'll get sandwiches from Starship subs and will provide chips and brownies, \$10/person. Please bring your favorite beverage to share; we will have coolers. Email barbarametric@comcast.net with any questions.



SUMMER VESPERS

Find

06.21.17 6:30 PM

BYOP

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 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.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Kay Thorpe Memorial Service

MONDAY, JUNE 19

6:30 pm Waging Peace meeting

7:00 pm Building and Grounds meeting

7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 pm Council Meeting

7:00 pm Summer Sings – Schubert Mass in G

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

6:30 pm Early Childhood Prof. Development

7:00 pm Food Pantry Volunteer Orientation

THURSDAY, JUNE 22**FRIDAY, JUNE 23****SATURDAY, JUNE 24****SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Evening Division Board Meeting

CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM**708.386.5215**

John Cole, Lead Pastor (ext. 101)

Britt Cox, Associate Pastor (ext. 105)

Lydia Mulkey, Minister of Education (ext. 103)

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Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

The Kid's Klostet, children's clothing ministry

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