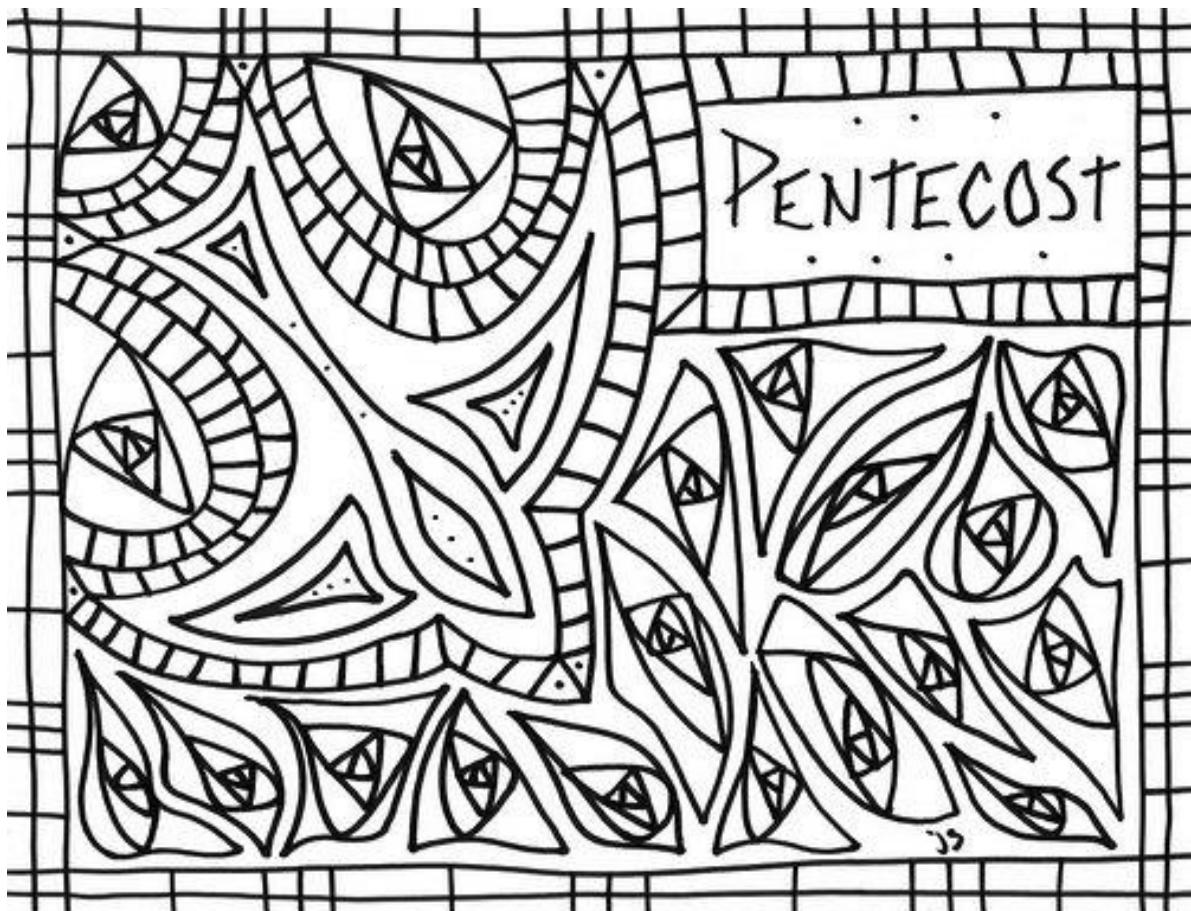


FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
4 JUNE 2017



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“The question for me is whether we still believe in a God who acts like that. Do we still believe in a God who blows through closed doors and sets our heads on fire? Do we still believe in a God with power to transform us, both as individuals and as a people, or have we come to an unspoken agreement that our God is pretty old and tired by now, someone to whom we may address our prayer requests but not anyone we really expect to change our lives?”

– Barbara Brown Taylor

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Trumpet Voluntary in D

David N. Johnson

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red pew pad.

Britt Cox

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alicia Reese

When we feel alone, when we feel rejected

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

When we feel drained and dried up, and we can’t give any more,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

When we are unsure of how to move or where to go or what to do,

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come, Holy Spirit, revive us, move in us,

and encourage us on the journey of faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen!

* HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

blue hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Alicia Reese

Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me in praying our prayers of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already?

You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world.

You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat.

You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away. Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Shhh, listen! Can you hear them?

The saints of heaven—those who have gone on before us—are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

Hear the good news! Jesus has run ahead of us to pave the way of forgiveness.

Thanks be to God! 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

Lydia Mulkey

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

I Have God's Love in Store

Shaker Melody and Text

Voice

The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a hymn. The lyrics are: "I have God's love in store and am daily add-ing more; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, sing praise to God. God of great, God of small, has e-nough for each and all; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, sing praise to God."

I have God's love in store and am daily add-ing more; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, sing praise to God. God of great, God of small, has e-nough for each and all; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, sing praise to God.

READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NT p. 119)

REFLECTIONS ON THE SPIRIT

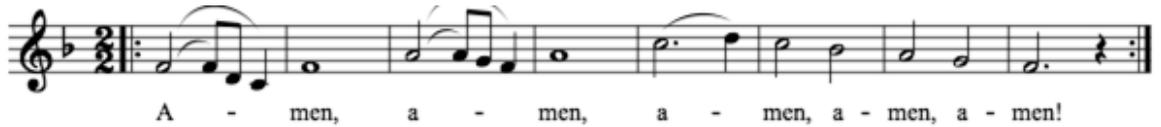
Have you ever witnessed what was splintered, isolating and hopeless being transformed into new hope?

Lydia Mulkey

REFLECTION RESPONSE

Amen, Amen

African-American Spiritual



How do you know when to let go and let the Spirit lead?

Alicia Reese

Amen, Amen

How does the Holy Spirit speak to our modern-day community?

Britt Cox

Amen, Amen

You are now invited to turn to your neighbor, preferably someone you don't know well and introduce yourself. You will be given five minutes as a pair to share your own responses to a question above of your choosing. Music will begin to play when it is time to finish sharing.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

blue hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lydia Mulkey

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

Wholly Gracious One-Who-Is

Thomas Keesecker

Wholly Gracious ONE-WHO-IS, hovering over formless wasteland,

Susan Buchanan, *violin*

sweeping over swirling waters, stirring up the dark abyss, bringing creatures into being:

God poured out as life and breath, fill your people gathered here!

Wholly Gracious ONE-WHO-IS, rushing into secret chambers,

breathing power upon disciples, kindling hearts with Gospel zeal, making bold for Christian

witness: God poured out as wind and flame, fill your people gathered here!

Wholly Gracious ONE-WHO-IS, hovering over this assembly,

breathing power on all the baptized, making strong for mercy's deeds, moving timid hearts to

action: God poured out as light and love, fill your people gathered here!

*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.

THE SPIRIT-FILLED FEAST OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE RADICAL MEAL

Britt Cox

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Alicia Reese

May the Lord of Pentecost be with you.

And also with you.

People of Pentecost, lift up your hearts to the Spirit moving in your midst.

We open our hearts to the breath of God who fills us with hope and grace.

Daughters and sons of the Holy One, lift your joy to our God.

**We sing the song of Pentecost in the language of every heart,
thanksgiving and praise to our God on every tongue.**

On the last day of chaos, ineffable God, you sent your Spirit to move over and through creation: scooping up earth in your hands, your breath gave life to those shaped in your image so that we might rejoice in you forever.

But drunk on the wine of free will, we followed those false prophets named sin and death.

You would not leave us in their empty rooms, sending wisdom on those men and women who spoke to us of your dreams.

Yet we drenched the fire of your love with our tears of rebellion.

So, giving flesh to your heart, you sent Jesus to us, so we might be given new life.

**With those who share the Spirit, with those who try to keep the Spirit at
arm's length, we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:**

SANCTUS

Santo, Santo, Santo

(Sing after the Leader)

Holy, holy, holy, God of Power and Might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory;

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

As we come to this table, a table like the one where Jesus sat with his friends, we remember he promised to never leave us orphaned.

We remember his promise to send the Spirit to set us on fire with love.

Baptized with the Holy Spirit and purified with the fire of obedience, we declare the great mystery of faith:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ gave his last breath for us;

God raised Christ, filling him with the breath of new life;

the Spirit will breathe life into us, until Christ comes again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Britt Cox

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lydia Mulkey

Among friends, gathered around a table,
Jesus took bread, broke it and said,
"This is my body; it is broken for you."
And later he took the cup and said,
**"This is the new relationship with God,
made possible because of my life and death."**
Take this—all of you—to remember me.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached and taught and showed us the way to true life;
because of us you died, and for us, after death, you rose again.
Brother Jesus, present with us now, for all that you have done, what have we to offer?

**Our hands are empty.
Our hearts are often full of wrong things,
We are not fit to gather these crumbs.
But with you is mercy and the power to change us.**

So as we do what you did in the upper room among friends,
Send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup,
**that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving, making us whole, and that
we may become for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kin-dom
comes. Amen.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Britt Cox

We serve Communion by intinction. Beginning from the middle pews, we invite everyone to come to the front or back to share in the joyful feast. As you reach the servers, take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup. Gluten-free bread is available at the station in the west transept by the baptismal font.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alicia Reese

Gracious God, we thank you for this feast of life, blessing and love.
Fed with the finest wheat, may we go forth to fill the lives of all those whose emptiness imprisons them.
**Having tasted the cup of joy,
may we bring the sweet honey of hope to those parched by despair.**
Welcomed with radical hospitality at your table of grace,
may we open our hearts to throw a party for all
who have been forsaken by the world.

And when we gather around the wedding feast in glory
with the poor, the broken, the prisoners, the oppressed,
we will open our mouths to receive your joy
and sing aloud to you our praise for all eternity,
God in community, Holy One.

Until that time, we pray to you without ceasing the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

blue hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Lydia Mulkey

*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

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

J. S. Bach

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

FOLLOWING TODAY'S WORSHIP, JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC!



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

DON'T FORGET: 10 A.M. SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

SUMMER VESPERS WORSHIP

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning June 7

Worship with food and fellowship this summer at our new weekly outdoors vespers service. BYOP (bring your own picnic) to the Memorial Garden lawn for a relaxed service of evening prayer for the entire family. Contact Britt Cox at bcox@firstunitedoakpark.com with questions.

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

EVENING DIVISION: HELPING CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES

This year's winner of Evening Division's Memorial Grant Award of \$2500 is Changing Worlds, an organization that fosters inclusive communities through writing and art programs to improve student learning and enhance cross-cultural understanding. Learn more about the program Thursday, June 8. Supper (\$15 donation) at 6 p.m., program (free) at 7, Centennial Hall. Call 708.848.2757 to reserve. All ages welcome – join us!

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.

Come to sing or come to listen!

Chicago
Summer
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CELEBRATING OUR FOURTEENTH YEAR!

Tuesdays in June...

Join fellow music lovers to sing great choral works conducted by three great conductors. Listeners welcome, too!



JUNE 6

Brahms: Requiem

Conducted by Wilbert Watkins, Director of the Pilgrim Congregational Church Choir and founding artistic director of the Sing to Live Chorus.



JUNE 13

Mozart: Requiem

Conducted by Julia Davids, Associate Professor of Choral Activities at North Park University and Director of the North Shore Choral Society.



JUNE 20

Schubert: Mass in G

Conducted by Jonathan Miller, founder and artistic director of Chicago *a cappella*, as well as a composer, cantor, and conductor.

INFORMATION

708.386.5215 ext. 39

- ▲ All events start at 7:00 pm.
- ▲ Tickets are \$12 to sing or listen.
- ▲ Bring a quartet and the fourth member's free.
- ▲ Buy a ticket for all three evenings and save \$10.



Music
At First

2017-2018
SEASON

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 4 - PENTECOST

9:30 am Church School and Adult Ed

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm All-Church Picnic

MONDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 pm Pack 16 meeting

7:00 pm Food Pantry Board meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 pm Children's Ministry meeting

7:00 pm Summer Sings – Brahms Requiem

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

6:00 pm Evening Division

FRIDAY, JUNE 9**SATURDAY, JUNE 10****SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Work Camp info meeting

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