

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK**  
**7 MAY 2017**



*An open community united in love and justice*

# PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." - John 10:16

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Celebration*

Sharon Cheek

First United Handbell Ensemble

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red pew pad.

John Cole

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Britt Cox

Let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**Let us break bread together and share our lives and faith.**

Let us offer what we have to support the needs of others.

**Let us devote ourselves to prayer and praise. Let us worship God!**

## \* HYMN 4

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

HYMN TO JOY

black hymnal

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Britt Cox

Friends, God is our Shepherd. Let us not fear, but confess our sins so that God may restore our souls. Let us pray...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed in Christ's example. We want to belong, yet we close our doors and our table to others. We want to feel welcome, yet we restrict our warmth to those we already know. We have gone astray. Forgive us, and lead us back to your fold. Amen.**

SILENCE IS KEPT.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not fear. God loves and claims us, and returns us when we stray. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*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

*Feed My Lambs*

Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep;  
In my name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.  
As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

Unto all who lose the way hope and comfort be.  
As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me.

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23

Second Graders

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 10:11-16 (NT p. 103)

## SERMON

Flocked

John Cole

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## \*HYMN 23

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

black 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

*A Bach Pastorale*

J. S. Bach, arr. Barbara Kinyon

First United Handbell Ensemble

## \*DOXOLOGY

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.**

## INVITATION

John Cole

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lydia Mulkey

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We bring our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God of hope.

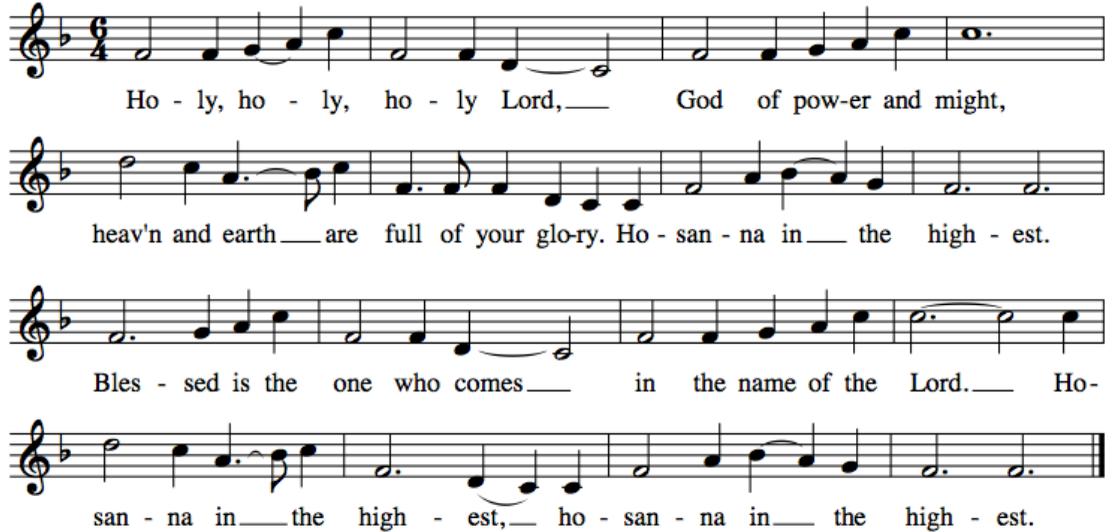
**We rejoice in God, who dwells in our souls.**

Glorious God, in this season of Easter, we give you thanks and praise, for a new creation is awakened in the risen Christ. In bursting forth from the tomb, he broke the chains of despair and death, a decisive triumph of love and grace. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing, who forever sing:

**SANCTUS**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

arr. Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth — are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.  
Bles - sed is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -  
san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

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You are holy, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, the risen Lord of Life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

**Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.**

Recalling Christ's life, death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and cup and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Britt Cox

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Britt Cox and John Cole

## SHARING THE FEAST

Today we serve communion by intinction. Beginning from the middle pews, we invite everyone to come to the front or rear of the Sanctuary to share in the joyful feast. As you reach the servers, break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Gluten free bread is available at the station by the baptismal font. Return to your place by the outside rows.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Sanctuary Choir

Virgil Thompson

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Alicia Reese

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you and each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

### \*HYMN 309

*We Are Your People*

WHITFIELD

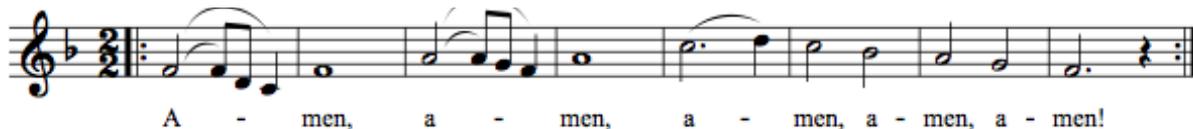
black hymnal

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Amen, Amen*

African-American Spiritual



## SENDING MUSIC

*Laudation*

Gilbert M. Martin

# TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING

Immediately following worship is our annual elections meeting to elect Council, Deacons and Nominating Committee candidates. The following First United members are nominated for Church Council, Nominating Committee and Deacons at today's Annual Election meeting for First United Church of Oak Park.

For Council: Adam Alonso, Gene Armstrong, Melinda Haag, Janet Haisman, Cate Reading

For Youth Members of Council: Matt Aeschelmann, Lily Alter

For Nominating: Patricia Feeley, Betsy Samore, Brian Shamhart, Art Spooner, Tom Wolford

For Deacons: Rose Buckner, Clara Kearley, Walter Miller, Ally Vertigan

**REFUGEE TEAM SUPPORT MEMBERS** - We've met our family and they are wonderful! Today from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall, please attend an update session to learn about our family and their immediate and long-term needs and to sign up for tutoring and social visits. Questions? Contact John Chapman-Rienstra (wolverienstra@gmail.com) or Andrea Alter (leap4@sbcglobal.net).

## THE 2017 "PER CAPITA" DRIVE HAS STARTED

The per capita fee paid to the denominations for each confirmed member of the church is \$33.48. You can multiply the number of confirmed members in your family by \$33.48 and send a check for the total amount to the church office or place a check in the Sunday collection plate. To ensure proper credit, please write "2017 per capita" in the memo field. Thank you to all for your past and continued generosity to First United!

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

## EVENTS AND UPDATES

### 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.

### SALZBURG: THE SOUND OF MUSIC CITY, Presented by Evening Division

Lecturer Al Popowits' multimedia presentation takes us to Hohensalzburg, largest preserved fortress in central Europe; St. Peterskeller, oldest wine bar in the world; palaces and filming locations for *The Sound of Music*; and other significant places in this fascinating city. Thursday, May 11: Supper (\$15 donation) at 6 pm, program (free) at 7, Centennial Hall. Call 708.848.2757 to reserve. All ages welcome – join us!

# 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, MAY 7**

9:30 am Church School and Adult Ed  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:00 pm Annual Elections meeting  
 12:30 pm Refugee Support meeting  
 12:30 pm Safe Church Team meeting  
 6:00 pm FUJI

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

6:30 pm Pack 16 Meeting  
 7:00 pm Worship, Music and Arts meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

7:30 am Housing Forward Resource Dev. mtg.  
 1:30 pm Cooking Matters: Heart Health  
 6:30 pm Tech committee meeting  
 7:00 pm Finance committee meeting  
 7:00 pm Newcomers committee meeting  
 7:30 pm Faith in Action committee meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

11:00 am Wednesday Small Group  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

6:00 pm Evening Division Dinner & Program  
 6:30 pm Cluster Tutoring

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

1:00 pm Youth Sunday rehearsal  
 3:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor  
 6:00 pm PrimeTime Dinners for Eight (away)

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 - YOUTH SUNDAY**

9:30 am Church School and Adult Ed  
 11:00 am Worship  
 6:00 pm FUJI/FUSH

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

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 Britt Cox, Associate Pastor (ext. 105)  
 Lydia Mulkey, Director of Christian Education (ext. 103)  
 Alicia Reese, Coordinator of Youth & Children's Ministry  
 William Chin, Director of Music (ext. 108)  
 Michael Surratt, Organist  
 Donna Montgomery, Church Administrator (ext. 102)  
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