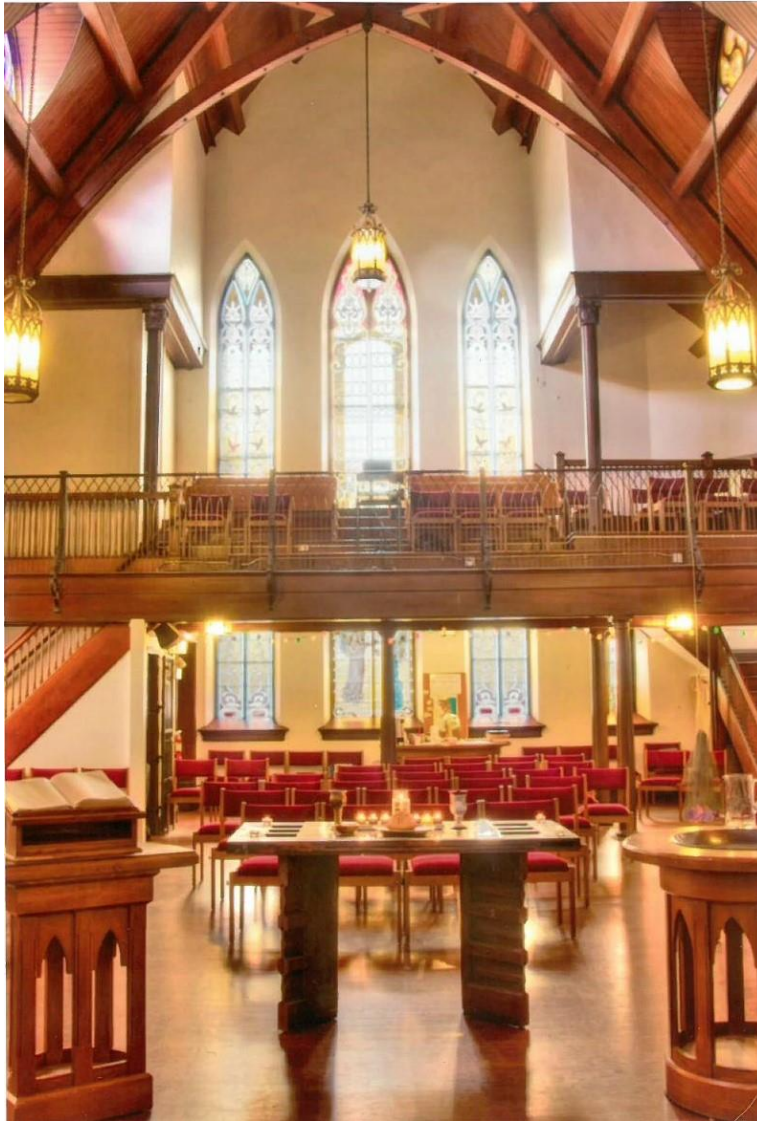


# FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK

## 16 JULY 2017



*An open community united in love and justice*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in."  
-Leonard Cohen

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Lullaby from *Suite No. 2*

Calvin Hampton

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign and pass the red connections pad.

Britt Cox

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

John Chapman-Rienstra

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

**Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

**Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

**Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person,  
even people we do not yet know.**

\* HYMN 439

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

black hymnal

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

John Chapman-Rienstra

Creator God, you created the earth, whole and round; you created us to be whole people. But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken.

**We have been broken by false promises, lost relationships, shattered trust.**

We have become cracked with the experience of systemic sin: prejudice, oppression and fear.

**We have become fragmented, building up walls instead of lending hands.**

Forgive us when we have done the breaking, heal us where we have been hurt.

**Let your light shine through our cracks and scars so that we might bring light to the world,  
showing that in you we are made whole.**

In these our silent prayers help us to forgive, to love, to mend. Heal our brokenness so that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Hear now our silent prayers for wholeness.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends tell each other what love has done! Share with each other the good news!  
There is forgiveness and healing with God. I invite you now to turn towards someone close to you, make eye contact with them and assure them of God's grace with these words:  
God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole.  
**God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole.**  
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

*A Broken Heart*

Luke Mayernik

The Leader will sing it once, then all sing together

A musical score for the song 'A Broken Heart' in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 'A bro - ken heart, a hum - bled heart, O God, you will not for - sake. A bro - ken heart you will hold.' The score includes a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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### READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NT p. 180)

Alicia Reese

### READING

Romans 8:1-11 (NT p. 157)

SERMON

Broken: Good News for Tough Times  
The Spirit of Brokenness

Britt Cox

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN 292

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

black hymnal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Britt Cox

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

*Down In the River to Pray*

Traditional American  
The Thurman Family

\*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

Alicia Reese

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 433

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

black 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

Toccata in B-flat Minor *from 24 Pièces de fantaisie*

Louis Vierne

# TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

OUR GUEST ORGANIST today is Madeleine Woodworth.

JOIN US FOR A SERMON TALK-BACK after worship today in the conference room.

## INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH HAS STARTED!

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) has started work! We are seeking an Interim Lead Pastor to provide leadership for nourishing the spiritual welfare of our congregation, and to model collaborative leadership for our staff and lay leaders. The IPNC consists of Art Spooner, Chair, Adam Alonso, Vickie Engelhardt, Bobbie Kmiec and Caitlin Zinsser. Please feel free to contact any one of us with input or questions.



**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

### **FAMILY CAMP AUGUST 10 - 14 TOWER HILL CAMP, SAWYER MI.**

Join us for sun, fun, friendship, food and campfires. Pitch a tent or bring a camper. Come anytime, leave anytime or come up for the day! We are a very laid-back group with no obligations on your time, but we do have a pot luck meal on Saturday evening. Sign up in the church lounge. Family Camp is a deal at \$7 per day per person.

**THE NEXT STEWARDSHIP MEETING** is scheduled for Monday, July 24, at 7 p.m.

# 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, JULY 16**

10:00 am Worship

**MONDAY, JULY 17**

7:00 pm Building and Grounds meeting

7:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting

**TUESDAY, JULY 18**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

6:30 pm Early Childhood Prof. Development

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**

Sourelis-Smith Wedding Rehearsal

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**

Sourelis-Smith Wedding

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

10:00 am Outdoor Worship

3:00 pm PFLAG

**CONTACT THE FIRST UNITED OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM  
708-386-5215**

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The Kid's Closet, children's clothing ministry

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