

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK
9 JULY 2017



An open community united in love and justice

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“So Hagar named the God who spoke to her, 'You are El Roi [the God who sees].’” - Genesis 6:13

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

GATHERING MUSIC *Allegro from Divertimento No. 1 in B-flat* Franz Joseph Haydn

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Please sign and pass the red pew pad. Lydia Mulkey

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 145 Steve Pierce

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good, and has compassion over us all.

Everything in creation gives thanks, and all your faithful bless you.

They speak of your amazing realm of love.

Your realm endures throughout all generations.

You, O God, are faithful in all your words, and gracious in all your deeds.

* **HYMN 436** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
black hymnal

CALL TO CONFESSION

Please turn in your black hymnal to number 836, which is our spoken prayer of confession this morning.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 836

black hymnal

SILENCE IS KEPT.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life.

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

Steve Pierce

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken

IONA COMMUNITY

The musical score is written on two staves in 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a key signature of one flat. Four measures are circled and numbered 1 through 4. 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 continues the melody with the lyrics: "Lis-ten to the Voice be-hind cre - a-tion, Lis-ten ev-en if you don't un-der-stand.".

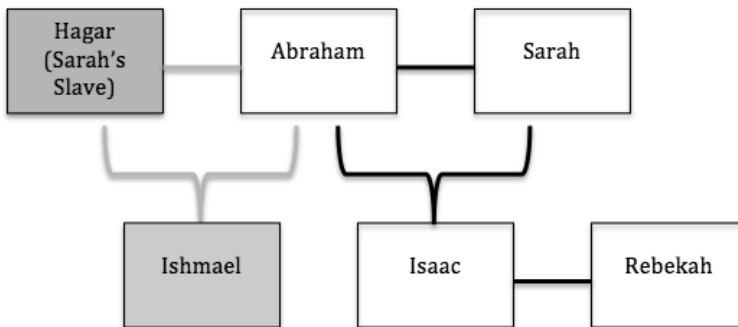
SCRIPTURE

Genesis 24:34-67; 25:7-11 (OT p. 20)

SERMON

Seeing and Being Seen: In Everyday Complexity

Lydia Mulkey



RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 517

I Need You Every Hour

NEED

black hymnal

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

St. Anthony Chorale and Minuetto from Divertimento No. 1 in B-flat

Franz Joseph Haydn

*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

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.

GOING FORTH IN DEDICATION AND SERVICE

*HYMN 286

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

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

Rondo from Divertimento No. 1 in B-flat

Franz Joseph Haydn

TODAY AT FIRST UNITED

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

A congregational meeting to vote on the dissolution of Rev. Dr. John Cole's call will be held after worship today, Sunday, July 9, by which time the principal terms of the Separation Agreement will be communicated.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST today is Yollanda Bornhoff.

OUR THANKS TO THE FIRST UNITED WOODWIND QUINTET for providing music for this morning's worship. Flute: Marilee Castenada, Oboe: Louise Olivo-Kier, Clarinet: Carl Nauert, Bassoon: Marge Rasmussen, French Horn: Melinda Robinson.



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

OUR A/C IS OUT! Did you notice it's a bit steamier than usual in the lounge/offices? The two air conditioning units on the roof need repair. We are working on establishing a timeline for this fix and will keep you updated; but in the meantime, if you have meetings scheduled at First United, please be aware of this issue. Contact Amanda in the office if you'd like to reschedule any gatherings or to see if room 14 (which has a window A/C unit) is available.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES FOR 2017-18

Looking for a high reward/ low commitment way to serve First United? Sign up to be on the substitute list for our church school program! After completing a background check and boundary training, you'll only serve when you're needed and able. Contact Lydia if you're interested: lmulkey@firstunitedoakpark.com

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 16

Sermon Series: "Broken—Good News for Tough Times"
Broken Spirits, Broken Bodies – Romans 8:1-11

EPIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY

UNDER THE GUN

IN THE GUN DEBATE, TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON



FROM **KATIE COURIC** AND **STEPHANIE SOECHTIG**,
THE TEAM THAT BROUGHT YOU **FED UP**



Saturday, July 15th at 2:00

First United Church of Oak Park
848 Lake St., Oak Park

On July 20, a gunman entered the Century 16 Movie Theater in Aurora Colorado and began to fire. Jessica Ghawl was one of the victims. Jessi's parents, Lonnie and Sandy are traveling the country to spread awareness of the need for common sense gun laws in a travel trailer because the legal fees drove them into bankruptcy. They are asking for "Jessie's Message" donations to continue working with Victims and Survivors across the country to form state coalitions with people and groups across the country.

Donations are greatly appreciated:
<http://jessismessage.org/donate/>



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, JULY 9

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Congregational meeting

MONDAY, JULY 10

6:00 pm Communications committee meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 11

7:00 pm Finance committee meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

6:30 pm Summer Vespers Worship

THURSDAY, JULY 13

FRIDAY, JULY 14

SATURDAY, JULY 15

2:00 pm *Under the Gun* movie screening

SUNDAY, JULY 16

10:00 am Worship

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

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Prevail/Housing Forward

Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

The Kid's Closet, children's clothing ministry

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