

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK



Living God's All-Inclusive Love
May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 A.M. Worship

Bold text indicates congregation participation – *Indication to stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Bobby Nguyen

Welcome

Rev. Lydia Mulkey

*Call To Worship

Lura Honderich

Come Holy Spirit—

Speak in a dialect our hearts understand.

Come Holy Spirit—

Bless us with the gifts we need to co-labor towards justice.

Come Holy Spirit—

Make vivid our dreams about the ways of radical care.

Come Holy Spirit—

Pour your vitality over our lives.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Opening Hymn #267 (Black hymnal)

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Prayer for Wholeness

Rev. Michael Jones

Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us. Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fiery God, burn down systems of power that demean and destruct! Rage with us like a mighty wind when people are made vulnerable and are not protected! Speak the language of interdependence to our hearts, that we might not be stuck in despair,

**but empowered toward co-creating all that you desire in our world.
Amen.**

Assurance of Love

Lydia Mulkey

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love. **Amen.**

Musical Response #59 v.1 (Black hymnal)

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and blight;
Holy Spirit, ever raising earth-bound souls to glory high;
Living, life-impacting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.**

Invitation to the Children

Lydia Mulkey

Musical Response #524 v.1 (Black hymnal)

This Little Light of Mine

Baptism of Matthew Richard Bura

Community Covenant

In this act of surpassing grace, we witness the power of God. In baptism, we become newly aware of God's abundant love and mercy. God calls each of us wherever we are, whoever we are, to share in the joy of God's presence in a community of faith. As people who strive to follow Jesus Christ more closely each day, we welcome you, Matthew, to our common journey. Trusting God, we offer you our support and care.

*Hymn of Illumination #272 (Black hymnal)

On Pentecost They Gathered

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Reading

Lura Honderich

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua, son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

New Testament Reading - Acts 2:1-4, 16-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability... [Peter said], “[T]his is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Sermon

Michael Jones

Response #283 (Black hymnal)

Sanctuary Band

Spirit of the Living God

Invitation to the Offering

Lydia Mulkey

During the offering all are welcome to use the two center aisles to bring offerings to the offering plates and/or pink prayer cards to the basket at the front of the sanctuary on the communion table or at the back of the sanctuary on the table behind the center middle pew. Prayer requests will be lifted up during the Prayers of the People. If you are unable to move to an offering plate, please ask a neighbor in the pew to take it or lift a hand, and we will make sure there is someone to bring it forward for you.

Fourth Sunday Offering

Harriet Hawkins

Benefitting Housing Forward

Offertory

Sanctuary Band

Fresh Wind by Hillsong Music - Fielding, Croker, Ligertwood, and Ware

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore:

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Michael Jones

Our Creator, Our Mother, and 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Song

I Will Let My Light Shine by Voice of Pentecost (Ghana)

**I will let my light shine before all people,
that they may see my ways and glorify God.
Good works of God's love, His wonderful love.
I will let my light shine throughout my world.**

*Blessing

Michael Jones

*Blessing Response

Go Now in Peace (Sleeth)

**Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you.
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Postlude

Bobby Nguyen

Today's Liturgist: Lura Honderich grew up at First United, completing degrees at UNH (BSW) and UIC Jane Addams (MSW). She is now a social worker at Paul House, leader of FUYA, and a small boat paddler.

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-Prayer for Wholeness adapted from www.enfleshed.com and from a prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

-Assurance of Love adapted from assurance written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Events and Updates

Below is just a sampling of the news and events at First United. You can find our full calendar at firstunitedoakpark.com/calendar. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark) for our weekly newsletter and lots more.

Condolences to the Islamic Center of San Diego

Please stop by the Welcome Desk and sign our card to share love and care for the community and victims of the shooting at the Islamic Center of San Diego.

First United Closed Tomorrow

First United will be closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Waging Peace Invites You to RIFL Act Advocacy Day, May 26.

The RIFL Act, shifting costs of gun injury from taxpayers to the gun industry, needs your voice. Come to Springfield to advocate! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/RIFL5-26>.

Memorial Service for Carl Nauert on May 30

We celebrate the life of Carl Nauert with a memorial service on May 30 at 2 p.m. Reception to follow in the lounge.

Seeking Holy Rollers to support FUSH Mission trip

On June 7, First United youth and advisors will travel to Asheville, NC, to be of service to that local community. Can you be a “Holy Roller” so support the trip? Use the QR code to make a donation. Select “YM Mission Fund” from the drop-down fund menu.



Limited Office Hours, June 1-5

Due to staff vacations and leaves, office hours will be limited the week of June 1. Please call to make sure the building is accessible prior to stopping by. If you need to get in and no staff is available, you may also go to the Beyond Hunger door for assistance.



Chicago Sky Outing, June 5

Come cheer on the Chicago Sky at Wintrust Arena as they take on the Connecticut Sun on June 5. We'll meet at church at 4:30 p.m. and carpool to Wintrust in time for the 6:30 game. Use the QR code to purchase your tickets.

Graduation Sunday, June 14

We will be honoring First United graduates on June 14 10am in worship. If you are graduating or your child is graduating, please let us know by completing the graduate form available in the eblast.

Welcome to First United!

We are a union church of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ, dedicated to sharing Christ's radically inclusive love. We welcome all, regardless of who you love, where you've come from, what religious background you have, or where you are on your faith journey. Visit our website to read our land acknowledgment and open and affirming statement.

Interested in learning more about First United Church? Look for members wearing gold buttons, talk to one of the pastors, or watch for the next Newcomers class.

Assistive Listening System If you are in need of assistance in hearing during the worship service, please speak with one of the greeters.

Adult Education Adult Education takes a variety of forms. Weekly Bible Study and Speaker Series meet at 9:45 a.m. September through May.

Children In Worship & Our Nursery We love to have children in worship! Enjoy the Pray-ground throughout worship or take an activity bag to the pews. Childcare is available for children five and under in our nursery. Ask a greeter for directions.

Church School Church School is for children ages birth through 8th grade. We tell stories of the Bible using a lens of love and justice with singing, praying, and creating. Church School meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m., September through May.

Music Ministries Interested in singing or ringing with our choirs? We rehearse on Wednesdays September through May. Contact Music Director Sally Sloane for more information.

Youth Programs The junior and senior high youth groups meet on Sunday evenings from 5 – 7 p.m. here at the church, September through mid-May.

Transportation Assistance In need of a ride to church? Call or email: 847-801-9459 / FUCOP848@gmail.com.



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Hymn Supplement: May 24, 2026

Opening Hymn – Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesuse Christ the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of former years;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way,
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame,
Help our struggling voices praise you, glorify your holy name.
Good Creator, Savior, Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

Musical Response After the Invitation – This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

Hymn of Illumination – *On Pentecost They Gathered*

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all with swirling air,
And tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as God in Christ they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.