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OAK PARK

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# Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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## Prelude

*Esurientes Implevit Bonis* &  
*Verbum Caro* by Tomas Luis de Victoria  
*Chaconne* by Henry Purcell

Valerie DePriest, Viol de Gamba  
Rebecca McLane, recorder &  
Pamela Wiese, recorder

## Welcome

### \*Call To Worship

Will Coppage

Tender God—though your heart breaks,

**you do not lose hope.**

Justice-Seeking God—the degradation of people, creatures, and places makes you outraged,

**but you do not say all is lost.**

You invite us to your work of way-making—We are called to:

**Practice generosity,**

**Cultivate abundance,**

**Engage in healing.**

Let us worship God through our stubborn resilience and joy.

### \*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*Opening Hymn #67 (Black hymnal)

*Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling*

## Prayer for Wholeness

**Liberating God, root us in the reasons to share the good news of Jesus, who showed the world a new way of living. Guide us toward interconnectedness, delight, humility, and mystery. Heal us from the**

**mindset to possess and take. Wash us in wonder and pour out your forgiving love on us today. Amen.**

## Assurance of Love

In Jesus Christ, God knows us and receives us as we are. Listen, give thanks, and live as people called to share and embody the good news of the Gospel.  
**Amen.**

## Musical Response #59 v.2 (Black hymnal)

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

**Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's ceaseless strife  
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;  
In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.**

## Invitation to the Children

## Gathering Response #524 v.1 (Black hymnal)

*This Little Light of Mine*

## Time for Sharing

## Graduate Recognition

## Musical Response #524 v.2 (Black hymnal)

*This Little Light of Mine*

**Everywhere I go...**

## Responsive Psalm

Will Coppage

Adapted from Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because God inclined God's ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

**You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Praise the Lord!**

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn of Illumination #504 (Black hymnal)

*You Walk along Our Shoreline*

## Sermon

### Response #286 (Black hymnal)

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (Refrain & Verse 4)

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free,**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of  
sorrow the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear  
their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.**

### Invitation to the Offering

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.

### Offertory

Mi Ran Choi & Julie O'Shea

*Dona Nobis Pacem*, trad. arr. Yo Yo Ma

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore:**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

### Prayer for Gun Violence Awareness

Karla Hayter

Adapted from "An Instrument of Peace" by Julie Hester

### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**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 Hymn #495 (Black hymnal)**

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

**\*Blessing**

**\*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

*Postlude* by Anton Bruckner

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**Today's Liturgist:** Will Coppage, a Westside Chicago native with deep roots at First United, is an aspiring game artist and future entrepreneur aiming to build a community-focused empire.

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-Call to Worship and Prayer for Wholeness from [www.enfleshed.com](http://www.enfleshed.com)

-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.

## 2026 First United Graduates

- Locklin Bell – Illinois Math & Science Academy; UIUC, chemical engineering
- Barrett Carter – Culver Military Academy; Rochester Institute of Technology, playing lacrosse
- William Faust – OPRF; Rochester Institute of Technology, mechanical engineering and music
- Annie Barnes – OPRF; Vanderbilt University, biomedical engineering
- Jonathan Sibley-Diggs – OPRF; Illinois State University
- Lura Honderich – UIC Jane Adams School of Social Work; working at Paul House in Chicago

# 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](http://firstunitedoakpark.com/calendar). Follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark](https://facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark)) for our weekly newsletter and lots more.*

## **Sign Up for Summer Dinners for Eight (or Nine)**

Summer Dinners for 8-9, Saturday July 11, 6:00 pm. We are looking for hosts and diners. Interested? Please contact Brenda at [brendajm@comcast.net](mailto:brendajm@comcast.net).

## **Community Sing Today**

Singing Resistance is a movement building a radically welcoming community of singers, providing space and tools for all who wish to join in peaceful protest, including those who are new to social movements and activism. The songs are simple, taught by ear, and relevant to these times. Meet today, June 14, in the Chapel at 3 p.m.

## **First United Closed, June 19**

First United will be closed on June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth federal holiday.

## **Budget Breakfast, June 21**

We will hold our annual meeting on June 28 immediately following worship. In preparation for the meeting, there will be a BYOB (breakfast) budget breakfast on June 21 at 8:30 a.m. in Centennial Hall.

## **Outdoor Worship, June 21**

Each third Sunday in the summer, we worship outdoors on the labyrinth.

## **Annual Meeting, June 28**

We will hold our Annual Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary on June 28. We will begin as soon as we have achieved a quorum. The meeting will be livestreamed and voting remotely will be available in the chat. We will elect new Council members, Deacons, and members of the Nominating Team as well as approve a 2026-27 ministry outline and budget.

## **Memorial Service for Marion Hogenboom, June 20**

There will be a memorial service celebrating the life of Marion Hogenboom on Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m.

## **Memorial Service for Mary Lou Anderson, June 27**

There will be a memorial service celebrating the life of Mary Lou Anderson on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m.

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:FUCOP848@gmail.com).



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# Hymn Supplement: June 14, 2026

## Opening Hymn – Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling

Let me enter God’s own dwelling, open wide the lovely door!  
Here, all earthly powers excelling, God receives the sick and poor.  
Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.

I have come to church to meet you: condescend to come to me!  
Anxious, needy, I entreat you, come inside, and welcome be—  
Here at home, within my breast—I, your temple, richly blessed.

Make my mind and body holy, sanctify my ears and lips.  
Lift my spirit, poor and lowly, all bright vanities eclipse.  
Take my praise, however flawed, as an offering, worthy God.

In this hour of Gospel sowing, let my earth be fruitful ground.  
Intellectual light bestowing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.  
Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your harvest is complete.

## *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 – *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, “Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow through storm and save and shoal,  
Then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul.”

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel across the water’s face,  
Our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we seek your promised reign;  
We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call on us to gather God’s daughters and God’s sons,  
To let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

## Closing Hymn – *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of aith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, you and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.