



FIRST
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CHURCH OF
OAK PARK

Sunday, June 7, 2026

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

Prelude

Marilee Castañeda

Siciliano from Sonata II in Eb by JS Bach

Welcome

*Call To Worship

Gary Cerniglia

Rejoice in the Lord!

Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.

Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

God's love endures forever.

Amen! Let us worship together.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Opening Hymn #66 (Black hymnal)

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Prayer for Wholeness

Calling Spirit and Holy Presence, your call echoes through our world and our lives, and yet we often pretend we don't hear it. Yet you do not relent in your desire to enfold us in a life of compassion. You give us daily opportunities to practice compassion, to care for those in need, and to see the true worth of those who have been cast aside by the many. Where toxic theology that demonizes our inner wisdom, where our culture ties our value to what we can produce, where beauty standards tell us we are not worthy—undo it all, Expansive God! Weave us, instead, into your wide story of liberation, where your call is heard by all. Amen.

Assurance of Love

The Creator calls us to see the beauty in all that's around us. Jesus calls us to live lives of mercy. The Divine Spirit calls us to see the light inside one another and ourselves. We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy in abundance through the good news of the Gospel. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace! **Thanks be to God: 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-imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.

Invitation to the Children

Musical Response #524 v.1 (Black hymnal)

This Little Light of Mine

Time for Sharing

*Hymn of Illumination #172 (Black hymnal)

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Reading

Gary Cerniglia

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the

oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

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 Holy Communion and the Offering

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

First United Church welcomes all to come forward when an usher invites your pew for Communion. You are welcome to bring your offerings and/or pink prayer request cards and place them in the offering plates on the pedestals. Bread, crackers that are free of gluten and the nine major allergens, and grape juice are available. Feel free to take your time in receiving the bread and the cup. You may eat and drink as soon as you receive the elements or take them with you to the pew. Please return to your pew by the outside aisles.

If you are unable to come forward, an usher will bring Communion to you and will also be willing to bring forward your offering and/or pink prayer request card.

Online worshipers can give by going to firstunitedoakpark.com/give, you can share a prayer request in the live chat, and please join in Communion.

Offertory

Marilee Castañeda

Seek Ye First by Lafferty/Raney

*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

Lois Theissen Love

O God...Our voices whisper with sorrow and shake with anger...Our voices whisper with sorrow and shake with anger.

It seems more than we can bear.

Hear our pleas, O God...As we pray, help us imagine a world focused less on weapons and more on the power of your love and grace.

Instead of bearing arms, help us bear one another's burdens.

God, we acknowledge the pain and fear that many carry...Teach us to be compassionate, to listen, to bear one another's burdens with empathy and care, reflecting your love for all people.

Instead of bearing arms, help us bear witness to the light of Christ.

Lead us by your Spirit...May our lives bear witness to our faith in Christ and the new life possible for all your children.

Instead of bearing arms, help us bear the image of God.

Creating God...May we see in one another and in all our neighbors that shared image – wonderfully made.

Instead of bearing arms, help us bear fruit.

Abiding God...May we share that fruit with a world starved for the feast you provide.

Instead of bearing arms, help us to bear with one another in love.

God of love...Turn us into peacemakers, bridging gaps and mending wounds with the love of Christ. Help us...In the name of Christ, we pray.

Amen.

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 #24 (Black hymnal)

The God of Abraham Praise

*Blessing

Postlude

Bobby Nguyen

Sonata in G Major by Domenico Cimarosa

Today's Liturgist: As 30-year members, Gary Cerniglia and Cathy raised Kelly & Nicole in First United's youth and music programs. Gary canoes, hikes and skis, and as a fun project the family built a lake house in Wisconsin.

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-Call to Worship based on Psalm 33 and written by Stephanie Sorge.

-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.
-Prayer for Gun Violence Awareness “A Prayer for What We Can Bear” written by Julie Hester.

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.

And They're Off . . .

Our FUSHers left early this morning for a week of service at Asheville Youth Mission. Please hold the kids and leaders in prayer throughout the week.

Summer Bible Study Starting June 10

Pastor Michael will lead a 6-week Summer Bible Study, June 10 through July 15. Join for as many sessions of this casual study as you're able. We'll read and talk about some of the Bible's ancient texts and their historical background, and we'll see how they relate to our world today.

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.

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.

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA

GA is being held June 22 - July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee, WI. Today you can find an insert in the bulletin that gives a pre-GA look at what will be happening at this important meeting.

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: June 7, 2026

Opening Hymn – O Day of Radiant Gladness

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light;
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.

This day at the creation the light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our God victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,
And thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.

This day God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and cup made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,
From grace more grace receiving on this blessed day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, upon the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to you our praises, our Hope, our Joy, our Sun:
The church its voice upraises to you , blessed Three in One.

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 – *Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult*

Jesus call us, o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, “Christian, follow me.”

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

Jesus call us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to you obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Closing Hymn – *The God of Abraham Praise*

The God of Abraham praise, all praises to God’s name,
Who was and is and is to be, fore’er the same!
The one eternal God, before what no appears;

The First, the Last: Beyond all thought through timeless years!

God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speak still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep written on the human heart, in every land.

God has eternal life implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
All praise the living God! Extol that hallowed name,
Who was, and is, and ever shall be still the same!

The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,
Who was and is and is to be, fore'er the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First and Last: beyond all thought through timeless year.