



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:00 p.m.

February 10, 2016



### Ash Wednesday

**Dignity/Chicago with  
Broadway United Methodist Church**



#### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

##### Music of Gathering

##### The Welcoming of Our Two Congregations

##### \* Call to Worship

As we begin this season of Lent, we gather to acknowledge our need for truth and vision.

**We come in praise of the God of all life and in affirmation of Jesus Christ, the truth and center of our lives.**

We celebrate places of love and places of peace even as we express our sorrow and brokenness.

**We come for comfort and challenge and change.**

We come giving thanks for the chance to reflect and discover what it means to be on this journey to resurrection and new life.

**We come as your people, gathered in your name.**

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**“Come Back to Me (Hosea)”** ..... see below



1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
 ‡ Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
 2. The wil - der - ness will lead you  
 In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,  
 3. ‡ You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
 so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*  
 to your heart where I will speak.  
 With ten - der - ness, ‡ you shall know. *(To refrain)*  
 faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940  
 Tune: Gregory Norbet, b.1940; arr. by Mary David Callahan, b.1923  
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**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

**God of our ancestors, we meet you in the eyes of our mothers and our fathers. God of our inner being, we feel you present in our hearts. God of our future, we know you in the seeds we plant deep in the souls of our children. Be with us this day as we embark on yet another journey into the mystery of our faith from the desert of Jesus' temptation to the hill of Golgotha to the amazement of the empty tomb. We come weeping and fasting in this mourning of tears. Grant us the courage to withstand the challenges that this life puts before us, the compassion to see your face in the faces of our neighbors, and the grace to become whole in your sight. Amen.**

# HEARING THE WORD

## God's Story in Scripture

Joel 2:12-17

"But know this," says YHWH: "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Tear open your heart, not your clothes!" Return to YHWH your God, who is gracious and deeply loving as a mother, quick to forgive, abundantly tender-hearted — and relents from inflicting disaster. Who knows? God may come back, relent, and leave a blessing behind — grain and drink offerings for YHWH your God. Sound the shofar in Zion! Order a fast! Proclaim a solemn assembly! Gather the people! Purify the community! Assemble the elders! Gather the children — even infants at the breast! Let the bridegroom leave his bedroom and the bride her canopied bed! Let the priests, the ministers of YHWH, stand weeping between the portico and the altar and say, "Spare your people, YHWH! Don't let your heritage become an object of ridicule, a byword for the Nations! Don't let the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Reflection

[Rev. Barbara Zeman, Dignity/Chicago]

## A Time of Silence

## Sung Response

"I Surrender All" ..... [refrain only, see below]

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

**God's Story in Scripture**

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Therefore we implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God. For our sake, God made the One who was without sin to be sin, so that by this means we might become the very holiness of God. As Christ's coworkers we beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For God says through Isaiah, "At the acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! We take pains to avoid giving offense to anyone, for we don't want our ministry to be blamed. Instead, in all that we do we try to present ourselves as ministers of God, acting with patient endurance amid trials, difficulties, distresses, beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger. We conduct ourselves with innocence, knowledge, patience and kindness in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, with the message of truth and the power of God, wielding the weapons of justice with both right hand and left — regardless of whether we are honored or dishonored, spoken of favorably or unfavorably. We are called imposters, yet we are truthful; we are called unknowns, yet we are famous; we are said to be dying, yet we are alive; punished, but not put to death; sorrowful, though we are always rejoicing; poor, yet we enrich many. We seem to have nothing, yet we possess everything!

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

**Amen.**

**Reflection**

[Tonks Lynch, BUMC Student Pastor]

**A Time of Silence**

**Sung Response**

**"I Surrender All"** ..... [refrain only, see below]

The musical score is written for voice and piano in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren-der all,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all." and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a final cadence.

**\*God's Story in Scripture**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your piety before others to attract their attention; if you do this, you will have no reward from your Abba God in heaven. When you do acts of charity, for example, don't have it trumpeted before you; that is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and the streets, that they may be praised by others. The truth is, they've already received their reward in full. But when you do acts of charity, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing; your good deeds must be done in secret, and your Abba God — who sees all that is done in secret — will repay you. And when you pray, don't behave like the hypocrites; they love to pray standing up in the synagogues and on street corners for people to see them. The truth is, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to God who is in that secret place, and your Abba God — who sees all that is done in secret — will reward you. And when you fast, don't look depressed like the hypocrites. They deliberately neglect their appearance to let everyone know that they are fasting. The truth is, they have already received their reward. But when you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Don't let anyone know you're fasting except your Abba God, who sees all that is done in secret. And Abba God — who sees everything that is done in secret — will reward you. Don't store up earthly treasures for yourselves, which moths and rust destroy and thieves can break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust can destroy them and thieves cannot break in and steal them. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be as well.”

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Reflection**

[Rev. Alka Lyall, BUMC Co-Pastor]

**A Time of Silence**

**Sung Response**

“I Surrender All” ..... [refrain only, see pg. 4]

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS**

**The Invitation to a Holy Lent**

Dear friends in Christ: Lent, observed by Christians for centuries, is a forty-day season of spiritual preparation before the Easter celebration. *[continued on following page...]*

I invite you to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

To make a right beginning of repentance, let us confess what we are:

### **The Confession**

**We confess to you, Holy God, what we are.**

**We are not the people we like others to think we are.**

**We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls.**

**We are not the people you created us to be.**

**We are afraid to recognize and live into the gifts you have given us.**

**But we cannot hide our true selves from you.**

**You know us as we are, and you love us.**

**Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.**

**Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake.**

**Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.**

**Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.**

**And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

### **The Silent Prayers**

To all of our prayers let the people say, **Amen.**

### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **\*Sharing the Peace**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Ashes**

**Music of Meditation**

**Imposition of Ashes**



**\*The Closing Hymn**

**“Change My Heart, O God”** ..... FS 2152

**\*The Benediction**

As we wear the mark of the cross, may we be mindful of the ways in which the cross has already marked our lives.

**May we find, through this Lenten season, the ways in which God is calling us.**

As we go to wash this mark of grit and ash from our own bodies, may we remember this symbol of God’s love.

**May we share with the world the love and peace made visible to us through God’s grace.**

May peace be in our hearts, in our actions, and in our lives.

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

**SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**  
**The Call to Worship** written by Vernice Thorn.  
**Opening Prayer** by Barbara Zeman.  
**Scripture** from *The Inclusive Bible*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.  
**The Invitation to Lent, The Confession and The Assurance of Forgiveness** written by Carol McPherson.  
**Benediction** adapted from Tirabassi, Maren C. & Maria I., ed. *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2007.  
**Ministers:** All the People  
**Worship Leaders:** Revs. Barbara Zeman, Alka Lyall and Student Pastor Tonks Lynch

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”



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Journey with **Dignity/Chicago** this year as Lent unfolds in a deeper, more personal way. All are welcome to join us. For more information visit our website: [www.dignity-chicago.org](http://www.dignity-chicago.org), or call 312-458-9438.

**Broadway Church** invites you to join us for Worship Services on Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00am, as well as for Guided Meditation (Wednesdays at 6pm) and our Wednesday Night Live! Bible Study (Wednesdays at 7pm). See Broadway’s website or call the church office for more information.