



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

February 28, 2016

# *Living Abundantly*

## Black History Month/Lent 3

**Welcome!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship today.

**Visitors:** Please record your **complete address**, as well as your name, on the registers. We'd like to send you a greeting! If you would like to take a short tour of the church building and grounds, meet one of our greeters at the Welcome Center after the service.

**Inclusive Language** Here at Broadway we have an inclusive language policy that recognizes and affirms the full range of diversity among persons engaged in the communication process. We are intentional that our imagery of God as well as our liturgy reflect that inclusiveness. *We use a variety of pronouns for God, just as our community uses a variety of pronouns as we grow and learn beyond the binary. In the spirit of hospitality, please ask others for their preferred pronoun.* The pastors are available to answer any questions you might have regarding the policy. The entire inclusive language policy can be found on the website. A further resource by Paul Smith, *Is it Okay to call God Mother?* is available through the church office.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Stewardship Cards:** As you worship with the Broadway community today, you are invited to share in a personal way. The orange card that is in the pew pockets is for you to express how you are or might be in service to God and community this week. It is also a place for you to share prayer concerns. Use as much or as little of the card as you like. The cards will be viewed **ONLY** by the pastors. By placing this card in the offering plate you are symbolically acknowledging your gifts of time and talents to the glory of God.

**Song numbers** with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

**Giving** Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses — both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can in the year ahead. To give online, visit us at [broadwaychurchchicago.com/give](http://broadwaychurchchicago.com/give) or scan the QR code at right. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!



## Music of Gathering

## Words of Centering

“If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together” ~ Lilla Watson

## Broadway Choir: Protest and Empowerment Chant

## Statement of Intention

## Welcome Statement of Community and Connection

Welcome to this family of God, this community of faith. We celebrate that we are an anti-racist institution, that we are open and affirming and we are a reconciling congregation.

**We celebrate that we are black, brown, white — and all the many colors in God’s creative rainbow.**

We celebrate that we are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight.

**We are queer. We are questioning. We are transgender, cis-gendered, gender non conforming, female, male, and a-gender.**

We are every age. We speak many languages. We are every economic location and every theological location.

**We bring many things to be together as family as we seek to live bravely as community.**

We are living with mental illness, we are living with HIV & AIDS, we are living with disability, we are living with addiction, we are living in recovery;

**We are living with joy and we are living wounded.**

Our families take many shapes.

**We are married, single, partnered, divorced. We bring all of who we are as we gather to praise God and we claim the first name, the first identity given to us, the one that comes from God — BELOVED!**

As God’s Beloved we claim our place here. We are challenged to live abundantly by acknowledging that all oppression is connected and until all are free, none are free. Let us celebrate that reality as we worship together.

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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

(Don't forget to check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC. Wifi password is 7733482679.)

**Yes, I am welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

### **Words of Centering**

“Black awareness is the essential beginning step in creating a framework for understanding and accomplishing the educational and political work that values our humanity. Real empowerment begins by learning the lessons of our own heritage and knowing something about ourselves” ~ Arthur Ashe

### **Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

My God, what a morning! You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people,

**And we are strong, beloved, and yours.**

My God, what a morning! You have brought us through the dips and hollows, up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys,

**And we are strong, beloved, brave and yours.**

**My God, this morning, we have come to celebrate you, to affirm ourselves as images of you in all your glory and to say “Yes, God, we are strong, beloved, brave, and yours in every way.”  
We count it all joy!**

### **Receiving God in Song**

**“Up to the Mountain”** (by Patty Griffin)

[Hannah Starr, soloist]

### **God's Story in Scripture**

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

“I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.”

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

**Amen.**

## **Words of Centering**

“We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial ‘outside agitator’ idea. Anyone who lives in the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

## **Receiving God in Song**

“**Get On Board**” (arr. Greg Gilpin)

[Kaleidoscope Choir and Unique Spirit]

## **A Time for Young Christians**

*[During the Time for Young Christians, you are invited to use the Prayer Cards in the pew pockets to indicate prayer concerns you would like lifted up in prayer during this week. They can be placed in the offering plate or posted on the prayer wall. Children are invited to Children’s Church in the Wesley Room following the Time for Young Christians.]*

## **Words of Centering**

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.” ~ Desmond Tutu

## **Receiving God in Song**

## **Words of Centering**

“We are what we are today because of what happened yesterday, and our todays will remain horrible for precisely as long as we avoid the necessary confrontation with yesterday.”  
~ Lerone Bennett Jr.

## **Reflection**

“**Spiritual Justice**”

[Student Pastor Taylor Gould and Jacqueline Boyd]

**Receiving God in Song**

“Glory” (by John Legend and Common)

[Broadway Choir]

**Looking Ahead: March Mission Minutes**

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**Step Up Women’s Network**

[Megan Kelley]

**Lee Memorial Girls’ High School**

[Alka Lyall]

**2016 Stewardship: Celebrating Abundant Life**

**Call to Offering**

**The Offering of Gifts**

*[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]*

**The Offering Of Music**

**\*The Presentation of Offerings**

**\*Doxología** ..... (tune # 95)

**A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor  
Y al eternal Consolador Unidos todos alabad.**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

## **Prayer for Justice**

Today is all we have. We will rejoice, we will be renewed and we will learn from the past, cherish today, and welcome the future because you have given us a powerful and sacred history. We will teach and learn, speak and listen, and grow strong every day of our lives. Today, we lift up our history and those whose lives were lost in the struggle for racial equality.

*(A moment of silence.)*

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; thou who has by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Now and forevermore.

**AMEN.**

## **\*Hymn of Sending**

**“Get Up, Stand Up”**

## **Words of Centering**

“There is nothing more majestic than the determined courage of individuals willing to suffer and sacrifice for their freedom and dignity.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

## **\*Benediction**

## **Music of Celebration**

**“Oh Happy Day”** (by Edwin Hawkins)

[Broadway Choir and congregation]

*(Chorus)* **Oh happy day, oh happy day when Jesus washed my sins away** *(repeat)*

**He taught me how to watch, fight and pray and live rejoicing every day** *(chorus)*

## **\*Greeting One Another**



**BUMC bravely continues our efforts to become a Rainbow Covenant Giving church in 2016: What's New For Mission Minutes – 2016:**

What's the Rainbow Covenant Advance: In the Northern Illinois Conference, local churches make a commitment to support local, regional and international mission projects and ministries through the Rainbow Covenant. The first mile in becoming a Rainbow Covenant church is to fully participate in the mission and ministry of the Northern Illinois Conference through 100% apportionment giving. To be a Rainbow Covenant church: we have to go the second-mile, called the Advance. Started in 1948, the Advance is the United Methodist program for voluntary, designated mission giving. Because our church supports the apportionment that underwrites administrative costs, 100% of our gifts through the Advance go directly to the missions or projects we select. Missions are grouped under nine different colors: green (NIC/Regional), purple (Special Sunday), burgundy (Int'l Advances), blue (District/Regional), indigo (Missionary Personnel), white (Sister-Church Relationships), red (Domestic/USA Advances), yellow (Children/Youth), orange (UMCOR Advances). Interested in learning more about Rainbow Covenant advances, visit: <https://www.umcnic.org/ministries/missions/rainbow-covenant/>

Wondering why not just do only Rainbow Covenant missions? Many of the missions and projects BUMC has been faithful in supporting are not Rainbow missions and we want to continue to support missions such as Project Fierce, Habitat for Humanity Westside, Gaza Community Mental Health, and National Ataxia foundation, along with established UMC missions.

Each month, your donation to the mission minutes will be split between the two monthly projects. If you want your entire donation to go to a particular mission, just mark your check or envelope with the specific name of the mission or advance.

**February Mission Minutes:**

**About the UMC-Black College Fund:** Between 1866 and 1882, following the Civil War, the former Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Freedmen's Aid Society to help educate black people newly freed from slavery. Between 1866 and 1882, the society established more than 70 schools in the U.S. South and Southwest. In 1972, the United Methodist Church established the Black College Fund to provide a constant reliable way to support United Methodist-related historically Black colleges. Today we support more historically Black colleges and universities than any other religious denomination.

Today, as Black Youth Project 100 calls out the need to "Fund Black Futures," even while Governor Rauner is working to shut the doors on Chicago State University, a predominately African American university here that has in the past educated more Black teachers than any other university here in Illinois, the need to support Black colleges and universities is greater than ever. Contributions to UMC-Black College Fund helps us progress towards our goal of being a Rainbow Covenant Church.

**About Project Fierce:** Project Fierce Chicago is a grassroots collective of radical social workers, youth advocates and other community members who are working together to establish a community driven, identity affirming housing in Chicago. Project Fierce's mission is to reduce LGBTQ youth homelessness in Chicago by providing transitional housing and support services to homeless LGBTQ young adults.

PFC launched publicly in April 2013 and received an overwhelmingly supportive response from queer and allied communities. Last year, PFC announced it has purchased a home on Chicago's Southwest Side, and they are working on readying the space to house young people. They will provide supportive, collaborative, transitional housing for 10-12 LGBTQ-identified young adults. In an effort to assure sustainability of their space, they also will offer a low cost office rental space in the building for grassroots, social justice focused non-profits seeking a home. One of our members, Jackie Boyd, has been involved in this amazing house raising effort from the start. Visit [www.projectfiercechicago.org](http://www.projectfiercechicago.org) for more information.

You can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate "February Mission Minute" (split between both) or "BCF" or "Project Fierce." You can also donate [online](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY — FEBRUARY 28, 2016

**Sunday Morning Adult Education: A Season of Becoming:** Restoring and being restored for the transformation of the church and world. As the season of Lent begins, we are invited into a period of self-reflection, preparation, and spiritual growth as we engage in the holy work of becoming. The Spirit moves through this season to free us from that which binds our growth as we are drawn more deeply into the truth of who we are, into the possibilities of who we can become, and of the justice we are called to seek together. Please join us **Sunday mornings during Lent, at 10:15am** in the pillow room for a lively time of discussion and reflection. Readings available [www.rmnetwork.org/lent](http://www.rmnetwork.org/lent) or hard copies at church.

**Indoor Farmers Market Today from 9:30am-2pm** at Temple Shalom, 3480 N Lake Shore Dr. Enjoy a wide range of seasonal, sustainably-produced goods from local farmers and vendors at this indoor market. Take home winter-available produce, honey, meats, cheeses, baked goods, and a wide variety of specialty items.

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### THIS WEEK — FEBRUARY 29 TO MARCH 5, 2016

**Alka's Angle and Vernice's View** Revs. Alka and Vernice share thoughts each alternating week through the **weekly Monday e-news**. If you aren't already subscribed to our e-news, click the mailing list link either on our website or on our facebook page, or contact the office.

**Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Sanctuary Prayer** is open to the church and community **each Wednesday at 5:30pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation. **WNL! Guided Meditation** in the Sanctuary at **6pm on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation. **WNL! Bible Study** We have started our New Testament Disciple Bible Study. There are still study manuals and room if you care to join us. All are invited and welcome!

**Youth Empowerment Monthly Brunch Series** Join us on **Saturday, March 5 (first Saturday of each month) at 11am** for brunch and discussion on community building with our youth. At this brunch, Bonsai from YEPP, Ines, and Vincent will lead a discussion on how we can build and maintain a positive relationship with our youth and what additional training you would like to receive to build strong relationships to empower our youth. This session will also include an optional De-escalation Training at the latter part of the brunch. Please contact Ines or Vincent if you would like to attend.

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### NEXT SUNDAY — MARCH 6, 2016

**Living Abundantly/Lent 4**                      **Preaching:** Rev. Vernice Thorn

**Lectionary:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**As We Are Fed** As part of our celebration of Holy Communion **next Sunday**, we will receive an offering of non-perishable food and other requested items. The local area food pantries and shelters then distribute items. Broadway has been asked to consider particularly gifts of 100% Shelf Stable Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter, Canned Beef Stew/Chili, Canned Tuna, Whole Grain Cereals, and Dried Beans . "As we are fed, so we are called to feed."

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**COMING SOON**

**Women's Retreat 2016: Living Abundantly** *“Walking the labyrinth, thinking of the frustrating turns in women's lives How empowering to find Christ at the center where Mother Spirit leads us. As we yield to the path, the mind slows and quiets, the voice of the heart can be heard Telling us how to be prophetic change makers. If we keep on walking through confusion, speaking our truth, we enter the dwelling place of peace.” ~ Rev Diane Brelsford.* We invite you again this year to Retreat. Our guiding words from Rev. Brelsford encourage us to “yield to the path...to find peace as we walk the labyrinth...speaking truth as the Spirit leads.” We are called to this time and place to find strength in each other as we continue our justice journeys and as we answer the calls on our individual as well as our communal lives. We invite you to this retreat on **March 12, 2016, between 10am and 3pm** at the home of Tami and Brian Marron. The address is 655 W Buckingham Pl, right down the street from Broadway. Space will be limited so reserve your space now. RSVP's accepted by any of the pastoral staff. Please bring your favorite snack and beverage. Living abundantly is an important part of our journey here at Broadway as we live authentically and justly. This womyn's retreat is an invitation to those who identify as trans\*, female, queer, gender non conforming, and a-gender. Come and share story and a meal as we learn together what it means to live abundantly. Suggested donation to defray cost is \$10. Hope to see YOU there!

**Easter Flowers** Please complete and return the insert – along with cash or a check payable to Broadway UMC (please specify “EASTER FLOWERS” on the memo) – to the church office or an environment team member **by Sunday, March 20.**

**Sunday Brunch at Charolette's** Sign up for **March 20th** (the February date is full) for brunch at Charolette's; donations will be taken for Broadway. Charolette's home is across the street from church. Questions? Contact Charolette at [lill621@aol.com](mailto:lill621@aol.com).

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**March Mission Minutes:**

**About Step Up Women's Network:** Founded in 1998, Step Up is a nonprofit organization that inspires women to inspire girls, believing that all girls should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. Step Up offers after-school programs and mentorship events to 13 to 18-year-old girls at five high schools throughout Chicago. **Mission:** Step Up empowers girls from under-resourced communities to become confident, college-bound, career-focused, and ready to join the next generation of professional women. **Impact:** For five straight years, 100% of Step Up seniors have graduated high school and been accepted into college. **Girls' Profile:** Step Up reaches 800 high school girls, many of whom often live below the poverty line. They often face difficult family situations like violence, abuse, addiction, illness, unemployment or homelessness. Most of these students will be the first in their family to attend college. **Programs:** The 9th and 10th grade curriculum focuses on building confidence while the 11th and 12th graders focus on preparing for college and career exploration. This includes securing professional internships, researching potential colleges, and securing funding for higher education. Your generous donations will support the success of Step Up teens. Visit <https://www.suwn.org> for more information.

**About Lee Memorial Girls' High School:** Lee Memorial Mission was founded more than a century ago, with the goal to spread the word of God in the city of Calcutta. Children brought into the home are provided a secure life. All round education is provided to the children with an endeavor to teach the children simple hygienic living for a healthy body and mind. The lives that are saved and nurtured continue to grow and serve as a witness to others. The school is growing and serves as a beacon of light to hundreds of underprivileged students. Today, Lee Memorial Girls' High School is one of the oldest and most prestigious Bengali medium schools in Calcutta. [umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/00679B](http://umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/00679B).

You can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate “March Mission Minute” (split between both) or “Step Up” or “Lee Memorial.” You can also donate [online](#).

<b>Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of February 28, 2016</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>Meditation and Reflection Service</b> [Sanctuary]
<b>February 28</b>	10:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship Time</b> [Friendship Hall]
	10:15 a.m. <b>Sunday Adult Education Hour: A Season of Becoming +</b> [Pillow Room]
	10:15 a.m. <b>Kaleidoscope Choir and Unique Spirit</b> [Wesley Room and Music Office]
	11:00 a.m. <b>Festival Service</b> [Sanctuary]
	11:15 a.m. <b>Children's Education Time</b> [Wesley Room]
	12:30 p.m. <b>Co-Lay Leaders meeting</b> [Room B]
	5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall]
	6:00 p.m. Dignity Lent Dinner and Discussion [Wesley Room]
	6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C]
	7:00 p.m. 12 Step Meditation Meeting* [Room B]
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>February 29</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m. Allegrezza rehearsal [Sanctuary]
<b>March 1</b>	7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
	7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>March 2</b>	5:30 p.m. <b>Open Sanctuary +</b> [Sanctuary]
	6:00 p.m. <b>Guided Meditation +</b> [Sanctuary]
	7:00 p.m. <b>Fast Track Bible Study (New Testament) +</b> [Sanctuary]
	7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
	8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. <b>Broadway Choir rehearsal</b> [Sanctuary]
<b>March 3</b>	7:00 p.m. Civilian Police Accountability Council [Wesley Room]
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>March 4</b>	7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00 a.m. <b>Youth Empowerment Monthly Brunch Series +</b>
<b>March 5</b>	1:00 p.m. <b>Youth Lounge</b> [Area C]

**Bold face indicates BUMC sponsored activities**

\*Community Group

+ see announcements

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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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