



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

April 29, 2018

Social Principles of the United Methodist Church: **Political Community**

Welcome! Please see the pew card "Welcome to Worship" for more information on our services.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: "A Hymn for Our Nation" by Franklin Ritter

[David White]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace

to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

*OPENING HYMN: "Everything That Has a Voice" see insert

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

(Please check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC, wifi password is 7733482679, and pass the friendship pads to register your attendance and any updated contact information.)

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

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

ANTHEM: "I Am But a Small Voice" by Roger Whittaker

[Broadway Choir]

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

[During this time, you are invited to use the Prayer Cards in the pew pockets to indicate prayer concerns you would like lifted up in prayer. They can be placed in the offering plate or posted on the prayer wall.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A RESPONSIVE COMPANION LITANY TO THE UMC SOCIAL CREED

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God deploras violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly. **And so shall we.**

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb. **And so shall we.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:1-8

Obey governing authorities. All government comes from God, so civil authorities are appointed by God. Therefore, those of you who rebel against authority are rebelling against God's decision. For this you are liable to be punished. Good behavior is not afraid of authorities, only bad behavior. If you want to live without fear of authority, do what is right and authority will even honor you. The state carries out God's will in order to serve you. However, if you do wrong, be afraid. For the state doesn't carry the sword for nothing; it does as God directs and is an agent of God's wrath, bringing punishment on wrongdoers. That's why it's necessary to obey—not only out of fear of being punished, but for the sake of conscience as well. That is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities carry out God's will, devoting themselves to this very cause. Pay to all what is their due: taxes to tax collectors, tolls to toll collectors, respect to whom respect is due and honor to whom honor is due. Owe no debt to anyone—except the debt that binds us to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you have fulfilled the Law.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

REFLECTION:

"The Social Principles: Political Community"

[Rev. Gregory Gross]

RESPONSE: Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. And so shall we. AMEN.

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

[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: “Touch the Earth Lightly” by Swee Hong Lim [Tim Barnes]

*THE PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGÍA [tune # 95]

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

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in your message of love. May these offerings and our lives bear witness to your presence in our world. In your many names we pray, AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN: “Till All the Jails are Empty” see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” by J.G. Werner [Tim Barnes]



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Rev. Gregory Gross is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church with a primary appointment as Director of Mission Fulfillment at The Night Ministry. He is chairperson of the order of deacons in our conference, has been a delegate to the 2012, 2016 General and Jurisdictional conferences, and will be again at the special session in 2019. Gregory is also a founding organizer of the Queer Clergy Caucus in the UMC. He is an advocate for justice for all persons and is always disrupting business as usual. We are grateful to have Rev Gross in our midst this morning.

Monthly Update	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2018	\$7,412.90	\$17,486.70	-\$10,073.80
February 2018	\$10,108.85	\$14,171.00	-\$4,062.15
March 2018	\$13,225.85	\$17,778.61	-\$4,552.76
YTD	\$30,747.60	\$49,436.31	-\$18,668.71

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“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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