



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

May 6, 2018

## *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church:* **Economic Community**

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: "Von fremden Ländern und Menschen" by Schumann

[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: "Gather Us In" ..... FS 2236

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*, unless otherwise noted.

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 26:5-13

Then you will declare before YHWH, "My ancestor was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. There they became a nation great, strong and numerous. When the Egyptians mistreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to YHWH, the God of our ancestors, who heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; YHWH gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have brought now the first fruits of the products of the soil that you, O God, have given me." Then you must set them before YHWH, and bow down before YHWH. Then you all, along with the Levites, and the foreigner that live among you, will feast on all the good things that YHWH, your God, has given to you and your household. When you have set aside the tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the orphan, and the widowed, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. Then say to YHWH, your God, "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the orphan, and the widowed according to all that you have commanded; I have neither neglected anything nor transgressed in anything."

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

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.]*

ANTHEM: "Come to the Water" by Mary Martin

[Broadway Choir]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Let our prayers surround those who are struggling on the economic margins:

- The ones who have not shared in the great abundance that God has entrusted to our care;
- The ones who have been left behind by the so-called economic recovery;
- The ones who are unemployed or underemployed; and
- The ones who are unjustly employed, working hard and yet living in poverty.

And let us pray for all those caught up in the workings of our unjust economic system—the workers, the managers, the owners, the policy-makers and the consumers—all of us have a responsibility to help create a faithful economy that values work and honors the dignity of all workers.

**Hear now our prayers, O God:**

We pray today for all those who are seeking employment, those facing a very difficult and uncertain future whether they are experiencing joblessness for the first time today or are among the millions of the long-term unemployed. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray today for those who are working in low-wage jobs yet remain trapped in poverty; workers who need fair wages, respect and dignity in their workplace. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for children whose parents must work long hours in hard jobs just to afford shelter, food, and clothing. And we pray for the moms, dads and family members who struggle with the difficult choice of working long hours and making long commutes, or spending more time with their children, to be able to tuck them into bed each night and see them off to school in the morning. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who labor in the fields to provide us food each day. For the farm workers who too often work beneath the hot sun without shade and in the deadly heat without water and who do not even make sufficient wages to buy the food they are harvesting. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray today for our brothers and sisters who work in the shadow of a broken and unjust immigration system—workers who face discrimination and exploitation and whose rights are too often denied through intimidation and threatened deportation. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who labor in restaurants and earn as little as \$2.13 per hour—the ‘tipped wage’ which has not been raised in twenty-two years. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for ethical employers who share fairly the earnings of their businesses with all their workers; we pray for those who pay living wages and provide benefits sufficient for workers to support themselves and their families. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those employers who have not yet learned to value their workers or recognize their inherent dignity. We pray for CEOs and managers who have hoarded riches and yet denied fair wages to their employees. We pray, God, that you might turn their hearts of stone into hearts of compassion. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our President that he might use the power of his office to guarantee that all workers on federal property are paid a living wage. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our elected leaders that they might place our brothers and sisters struggling on the margins at the very center of their deliberations. We pray that they will support policies that create good jobs with living wages. We pray that Congress will increase the minimum wage so that no one again would be forced to work full-time and still live in poverty. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

And finally, we pray that we, members of your faithful community, might use our voices and our resources to build a just economy: an economy of shared prosperity where workers earn living wages and all people live lives of dignity. **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

God of Justice—we lift up all these prayers to you in the knowledge that you are already at work amid the brokenness of our economic system and that you invite each of us to be a part of your holy work of justice. God we offer to you these prayers today—both spoken aloud and those in our hearts—in the hope that together we might be the people you have called us to be, reflecting your compassion, mercy and justice in all that we do. In your many holy names we pray, **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: “How Like a Gentle Spirit” by Alfred Morton Smith [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

**With joyful songs we rejoice in your marvelous deeds, holy one! Let our voices and actions reflect your glory. Use our gifts to help all people know your steadfast love, until the day when this world is made new in your kin-dom. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 19:16-20:16

Someone came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good must I do to possess eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One who is good. But if you wish to enter into Life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?" the youth asked. Jesus replied, "No killing. No committing adultery. No stealing, No bearing false witness. Honor your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself." The youth said to Jesus, "I have kept all these. What more do I need to do?" Jesus said, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell what you own and give the money to poor people, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me." Upon hearing this the youth, whose possessions were many, went away sadly. Jesus said to the disciples, "The truth is, it is difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to pass through the Needle's Eye gate than for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of heaven." When the disciples heard this, they were astonished. "Then who can be saved?" they said. Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God everything is possible." Then Peter spoke: "We have left everything and followed you. What then will there be for us?" Jesus said, "The truth is, when all is made new and the Promised One sits on the throne of glory, you who have followed me will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left home, sisters, brothers, mother, father, children or land for my sake will be repaid a hundredfold, and will also inherit eternal life. Many who are first will be last and the last will be first. The kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard. About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, and said to them, 'You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you whatever is fair.' At that they left. Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others other standing around and said to them, 'Why have you been standing around here idle all day?' 'No one has hired us,' they replied. The owner said, 'You go to my vineyard, too.' When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with the first.' When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day's pay, and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet they all received the same daily wage. Thereupon they complained to the owner, 'This last group did only an hour's work, but you've put them on the same basis as those who worked a full day in the scorching heat.' 'My friend,' said the owner to those who voiced this complaint, 'I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn't you? Take

your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. I'm free to do as I please with my money, aren't I? Or are you envious because I am generous? Thus the last will first and the first will be last."

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

REFLECTION:

"The Economic Community: Chains come in many forms" [Rev. Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger]

**RESPONSE: Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*[The United Methodist Church practices "open communion" which means that any and all who respond to the invitation are welcome to share in the Sacrament. You are invited to exit from one end of your pew and return by the other end of the pew at the direction of the ushers. You may bring your food offering\* to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion. We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament.]*

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Christ, You Walked Among the Grain Fields" . . . . . see lyrics below

*Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D*

**Christ, you walked among the grain fields, Finding lessons all around:  
"Like the harvest that the earth yields, So God's kingdom will abound."  
"See! A sower goes out planting; Some seed grows a hundredfold."  
Here on earth you gave us heaven In the stories that you told.**

**Christ, you shared God's kindom-bounty, Yet you know our pain and need.  
Some are poor in lands of plenty, Often hurt by others' greed.  
Some, possessed by their possessions, Look for more to buy and keep;  
Others long for simpler blessings: "Let my hungry children eat."**

*[continued...]*

*\*As part of our celebration of Holy Communion, we will receive an offering of nonperishable food and other requested items. The local area food pantries and shelters then distribute items. Broadway has been asked to consider particularly gifts of Spam or canned meats; plastic and paper grocery bags; whole grain items such as whole wheat pasta, quinoa & other whole grains, brown rice; and pet food. "As we are fed, so we are called to feed."*

**Christ, you send us out to labor, To pass on the love you give;  
 City friend and country neighbor Work as one so all may live.  
 Lending land and tools and vision, Sharing costs and planting seed —  
 Work we love becomes our mission As we serve your world in need.**

**May our harvest celebration Build new food security;  
 As we care for your creation, May we find community.  
 By your Holy Spirit bless us And may what we grow increase  
 Till the whole world sees new glimpses Of your joyful banquet feast.**

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Erneuerten Gesangbuch)

[Tim Barnes]

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*Scripture from The Inclusive Bible. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009. **Intercessory Prayer** is one part of Prayers for a Just Economy, a Prayer Service calling for an increase in the federal minimum wage held in Washington, DC, July 24, 2013. **Response to the Reflection:** Prayer Confession from UCC [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_worker-justice\\_labor-sunday\\_worship-resources#confession](http://www.ucc.org/justice_worker-justice_labor-sunday_worship-resources#confession).*

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Welcome Rev. Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger! Rev. Rachel is a Chicago native, life long United Methodist, and second generation clergy woman. She identifies as a queer, social justice seeking pastor, and has had the privilege of serving on the board of directors for the National Reconciling Ministries Network, the UMC's General Commission on Religion and Race, and the UMC's Connectional Table.

Rachel has participated in a variety of ministry settings from lobbying on Capital Hill, to college campus to churches that were either multicultural, reconciling, large or small in Chicago, DC and Tennessee. She is currently working at the University of Chicago in the Alumni Association and lives in the Woodlawn neighborhood.

| Monthly Update | Income      | Expenses    | Difference   |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Quarter One    | \$30,747.60 | \$49,436.31 | -\$18,668.71 |
| April 2018     | \$16,101.20 | \$18,213.29 | -\$2,112.09  |
| YTD            | \$46,848.80 | \$67,649.60 | -\$20,800.80 |

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY STREET SURVEY**

The Annual OHM Street Survey will be conducted this month and is in need of volunteer surveyors. The survey measures outcomes related to the social and spiritual support provided by the Health Outreach Bus. The primary goal is to demonstrate the objective outcomes of Bus services. The proposed process and tool are intended for long-term, sustainable use, which will allow The Night Ministry to look at outcomes and trends over time. Additionally, the survey allows us to gather additional information about those we serve through the Health Outreach Bus. You are invited to volunteer for one day/night, or multiple times. (If you volunteer for multiple times, only the training on the first day is required.) Additionally, those who register ahead of time will be provided with a light supper courtesy of The Night Ministry. We are specifically looking for a number of Spanish-speaking volunteers for the Pilsen and Humboldt Park.

#### **Saturday, May 19 (8-12 volunteers)**

9:30—11:00am Training Session at The Night Ministry (4711 N. Ravenswood Ave, 60640)  
11:15am Depart from The Night Ministry  
Noon—2:00pm 10 S Kedzie  
3:00pm Arrive back at The Night Ministry

#### **Sunday, May 20 (Need 8-12 volunteers) Spanish-speaking volunteers needed\***

1:30—3:00pm Training Session at The Night Ministry  
3:30pm Depart from The Night Ministry  
4:00—6:00pm Humboldt Park\*  
6:30—8:30pm Uptown  
9:00pm Arrive back at The Night Ministry

#### **Monday, May 21 (Need 8-12 volunteers) Spanish-speaking volunteers highly needed\***

4:30—6:00pm Training Session at The Night Ministry  
6:15pm Depart from The Night Ministry  
7:00—9:00pm South Shore  
9:30—11:00pm Pilsen\*  
11:30pm Arrive back at The Night Ministry

#### **Tuesday, May 22 (Need 8-12 volunteers)**

4:30—6:00pm Training Session  
6:15pm Depart from The Night Ministry  
7:00—9:00pm Back of The Yards  
9:45pm Arrive back at The Night Ministry

You may contact Damian Nelson with questions or to volunteer: [Damian@thenightministry.org](mailto:Damian@thenightministry.org)

## 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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