



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

July 1, 2018

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

## WORDS OF CENTERING

"... even when the truth isn't hopeful, the telling of it is." ~ Andrea Gibson, *Take Me With You*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the world's pain, our Creator draws us near. When our hearts are broken open with grief, when our bodies ache with despair, when the cries of our communities echo for days on end,  
**God wails along with us, God shares in our tears, God makes sacred our lament.**

OPENING HYMN: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" ..... FS 2128

## OPENING PRAYER

**God, some days we just don't know how: How we will overcome. How we will make it through. How we can bear with one another in the hardest places. Though we find ourselves in a time of challenge and uncertainty, you meet us in the midst of it. Not with promise of answers, but with your abiding Presence. Be our Sustainer, O God. Keep us close to you, our source of hope, our foundation of love. Amen.**

## 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!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful, God, **hear our prayer!**

Loving God, **we give you thanks!**

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

*[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

...that just as you are rich in every respect, in faith and discourse, in knowledge, in total concern, and in the love we inspired in you, you may also abound in this work of grace. It is not an order I am giving you, but the opportunity to test your generous love against the earnestness which others show. You are well acquainted with the favor shown by our Savior Jesus Christ, who, though rich, became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich by Christ's poverty. As I say, this is only a suggestion—it's my counsel about what is best for you in this matter. A year ago, you were not only the first to act, but you did so willingly. Finish that work, so that your eagerness to begin can be matched by your eagerness to finish, according to your means. For so long as the heart is willing, it's what you have that is acceptable, not what you don't have. This doesn't mean that by giving relief to others, you ought to make things difficult for yourselves! It's just a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need; one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance, as scripture says: "The one who gathered much had no excess, and the one who gathered little did not go short."

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Lamentations 3:23-33

They rise up anew each morning, so great is God's faithfulness. "YHWH is all I have," I cry. "So I will wait in patience." The Most High is good to those who hope in God, to all who seek God's presence. It is good to wait patiently for YHWH to set us free. It is good for anyone to bear a burden from youth. Let those who bear such a burden, sit in silence—for YHWH has laid it on them; or lie prostrate on the ground—for there may yet be hope. Let them offer their cheek to those who would strike them; let them submit themselves to grave insult. For YHWH will not reject them forever. God may punish now, but will show compassion and the fullness of love. God does not willingly torment or punish any human being.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

REFLECTION

[Rev. Alka Lyall]

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.]*

In this family of God, we make promises to one another: promises of care, generosity, and of bearing with in times of struggle. May our offering this day be a symbol of our commitment to this community and every life within it.

\*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

**Holy and Gracious One, bless these gifts—our tangible offerings and that which we bring to you through our tears, our prayers, and our longings—to the gentle work of tending to the world’s pain. Through your Spirit, may we be sources of compassion, comfort, and solidarity with all who mourn. Amen.**

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: “You Are Mine” ..... FS 2218

\*BENEDICTION

Wherever there is suffering or injustice,

**God is there weeping.**

When we see her wailing in the streets or hear her whimpering softly alone,

**may we be reminded of our call to stay by each other’s side—in the work of justice and in the richness of relationship.**

May the Sustaining Love of God go with us.

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\* See “As We Are Fed” under today’s announcements

POSTLUDE



*Liturgy* adapted from *enfleshed.com* and *Baylor Institute for Faith and Learning*. *Scripture* from *The Inclusive Bible*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.

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Quarter One	\$30,747.60	\$49,436.31	-\$18,668.71
April 2018	\$16,101.20	\$18,213.29	-\$2,112.09
May 2018	\$13,217.22	\$14,162.76	-\$945.54
YTD	\$60,066.02	\$81,812.36	-\$21,746.34

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