



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

May 5, 2019

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

Interfaith Service

PRELUDE

INTROIT

CENTERING WORDS

"In the end there is a choice. And my choice is to be against the occupation, and not only the occupation but the whole system of discrimination and dispossession." (Amira Hass)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give thanks for this beautiful day, for it is a gift from Creator.

Let us give thanks for the water without which life would not be possible.

Let us give thanks for Grandmother Earth who protects and nourishes us.

We give thanks for earth, air, sun, and water, in which we see the hand of Creator.

Let us give thanks for this life. It is a gift from Creator, and we have the possibility of living it.

Let us live it to God's praise and glory!

OPENING HYMN: "In Christ There is No East or West" # 548

PRAYER FOR CENTERING

Holy One, though we seek to love, still we fail one another. We get stuck in our guilt. We hide in shame. But you, O God, do not send us away. You draw us closer, more deeply into the heart of Love where we are transformed. Whatever burdens of regret we bear, may we hear and receive your eternal invitation to embrace the grace that sets us free. To make amends. To heal. To reconcile. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Broadway Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3:23-29

Before faith came, we were under the constraint of the Law, locked in until the faith that was coming would be revealed. In other words, the Law was our monitor until Christ came to bring about our justification through faith. But now that faith is here, we are no longer in the monitor's charge. Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the offspring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

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

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 kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Restless Weaver"..... see insert

*SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this. When Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. The truth is, whoever doesn't welcome the kingdom of God as a little child won't enter it." And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE: "Struggle of the kids in the Native American youth"

Elisa Gatz

READING: "Young Palestinians are digitally breaking Israel's Gaza Blockade"

(by Amira Hass; Ha'aretz.com, April 14, 2019)

read by Paula Roderick

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.]

Feed my sheep and tend to my lambs. This is the invitation of Christ. Together, the church is called to be a people that nourish in body and soul. With hope that God will provide all we need to live so faithfully, let us bring our gifts and offerings.

*DOXOLOGY..... [tune # 95]

[You are invited to sing in one of these languages or in the language of your heart.]

**[Español:] A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor
Y al eterno Consolador Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

**[English:] Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of wonders, where there is scarcity—of love, of compassion, of generosity—
your presence brings about abundance. May these gifts be put to the service of your
transformative Spirit, bringing hope where there is despair, relief where there is pain,
and liberation where the ways of destruction turn us from each other. 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.]*

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" see insert

**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."*

SENDING FORTH (Cherokee Prayer of Blessing)

May The Warm Winds Of Heaven Blow Softly Upon Your House.

May The Great Spirit Bless All Who Enter There.

May Your Moccasins Make Happy Tracks in Many Snows.

May The Rainbow Always Touch Your Shoulder.

POSTLUDE



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CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

Welcome to God's Beloved Community at Broadway.

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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