



BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

June 9, 2019

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

PLAYBILL

PRIDE

at BROADWAY

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PRELUDE: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" (by Orlando Gibbons)

Tim Barnes, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Strange One. Fabulous One. Fluid and Ever-becoming One.

May we see Your Image in expressions we have not yet considered.

You are as close to us as our own breath and yet, your essence transcends all that we can imagine.

You are parent. You are friend. You are sibling. You are lover. You are drag queen. You are trans man. You are every gender under the sun.

[continued...]

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

Embodied in us, your creation, we recognize our flesh in all its forms is made holy in You. With thanksgiving, we celebrate your manifestation everywhere that it appears.

Blessed are our bodies. Blessed is our love. Blessed are we when we celebrate that which the world turns away. Fill our hearts with a pride and a dignity rooted in a loud and joyful resistance.

May we delight in the ways you have created us: diverse, unique, surprising, and beautiful. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN: "Child of God" see insert

OPENING PRAYER

Divine Presence, Scandalous One, Versatile God, You have been called the worst of names, tossed aside by the hands of tradition, met with violence and neglect by stranger and kin alike. And still, you do not conform to the expectations of power or polite your way into halls of destruction. You, the ultimate transgressor of norms that harm or confine, bear witness to the glory of Strange. You, Queer One, reveal the gifts of falling outside the lines. You, Wild One, break open possibilities—within us and around us—whispering in our ear, "See me. Feel me. Desire me." You help us come alive again. Beauty is your passion. Love is your motivation. Courage is your center. May Your spirit be awakened in every heart, every church, every space dull with repressed delight, That we may choose to live into the riches of this peculiar life together. Embrace us, O God, and lead us in the ways of your love, so promiscuous, so deviant, so free. 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

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. 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 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: Psalm 139:7-14

Where could I run from your Spirit? Where could I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you're there; if I make my bed in Death, you're already there. I could fly away with wings made of dawn, or make my home on the far side of the sea, but even there your hand will guide me, your mighty hand holding me fast. If I say, "The darkness will hide me, and night will be my only light," even darkness won't be dark to you; the night will shine like the day—darkness and light are the same to you. You created my inmost being and stitched me together in my mother's womb. For all these mysteries I thank you—for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your works—my soul knows it well.

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

PERFORMANCES

PANEL

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.]

Christ our Peculiar Redeemer, we know that we are not placed here to remain complacent with the status quo. We are called to usher in a world that is fair and free, where all Your children are celebrated. May our gifts and resources be used to share Your Love and Grace with all of our human family.

*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, you have called us to join you on a wild endeavor. The way is not easy but your promises endure. In gratitude for your presence among us, your loud manifestation of joy, the courage you bring to embrace what revives us and to reject that which does harm, receive these offerings. Bless them to the work of Kin-dom. 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 (see announcements) to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion. We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament.]

COMMUNION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" # 618

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you have bound us together in common life, which we have celebrated at your holy table. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness. Empower us to stand together, to walk together, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Teach us to abide in your love. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "We Are Family" (B. Edwards & N. Rodgers) performed by Sister Sledge
[You are invited to sing/ dance/ do what you feel the spirit is moving you to do.]

BENEDICTION

Dearest, Queerest God, in this time of Pentecost, where we open ourselves to the unprecedented moving of Your Spirit,

Where we express ourselves in languages unknown, Where we dance high on Your Love, Where we have the audacity to be as Scandalous as You,

May we go forth with an abundance of fabulous delight.

POSTLUDE: "We Are Family" (B. Edwards & N. Rodgers) performed by Sister Sledge



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