

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m. July 7, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Share. Give thanks for what you have been given. Give a gift, in reciprocity for what you have taken. Sustain the ones who sustain you and the earth will last forever " ~ Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants

PRELUDE: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (Isaac Watts)

Tim Barnes, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bound together by the Spirit of the Holy One, we endeavor to take care of one another.

Because we are baptized into the family of God, we live in Sacred community:

bearing one another's burdens, rejoicing in each other's gladness,

and being transformed by the slow work of mutual accountability. We give God thanks, for we need not journey alone.

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*OPENING HYMN: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" # 584 vs. 1 & 2

*OPENING PRAYER

Christ, our companion, we know that we need each other. We know that individualism and isolation are destructive. And still, it can be challenging to practice vulnerability, to hold one another accountable to love, and to stay present when inevitable conflicts arise. Be the hand that sustains us, encouraging us to move more deeply toward each other and the possibilities of living into a new creation, side by side. 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!

^{*} Please rise, in body or in spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the ruler of Aram. He was a great officer and highly esteemed. It was at Naaman's hand that God gave a victory to Aram. He was a mighty warrior. And he had leprosy. On one of their raids the Arameans captured a young woman who was an Israelite. She served Naaman's wife. One day she said to her mistress, "If only Naaman would see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would cure Naaman's leprosy." Naaman went to the ruler and told him what the Israelite woman said. "By all means, go," the ruler replied. "I will send a letter to the ruler of Israel." So Naaman left, taking ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the ruler of Israel read, "With this letter I am sending my attendant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of leprosy." As soon as the ruler of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes, and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a fight with me!" When Elisha the prophet of God learned that the ruler of Israel tore his robes, he sent a message to the ruler, "Why did you tear your robes? Have Naaman come to me and he will learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariot and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to the warrior, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." But Naaman went away angry, and said "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand there before me, calling on the name YHWH and wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went away in a rage. Naaman's attendants went to him saying, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'?" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the prophet of God told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a youth.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful, God, hear our prayer!

Loving God, we give you thanks!

PASTORAL PRAYER

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: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this, Jesus appointed seventy-two others, and sent them on ahead in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore,

ask the overseer to send workers to the harvest. Be on your way, and remember: I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves. Don't carry a walking stick or knapsack; wear no sandals and greet no one along the way. And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be upon this house!' If the people live peaceably there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you, for the laborer is worth a wage. Don't keep moving from house to house. And whatever city you enter, after they welcome you, eat what they set before you and heal those who are sick in that town. Say to them, 'The reign of God has drawn near to you.' If the people of any town you enter don't welcome you, go into its streets and say, 'We shake the dust of this town from our feet as testimony against you. But know that the reign of God has drawn near.' I tell you, on that day the fate of Sodom will be less severe than that of such a town...Anyone who listens to you, listens to me. Anyone who rejects you, rejects me; and those who reject me, reject the One who sent me." The seventy-two disciples returned with joy, saying, "Rabbi, even the demons obey us in your name!" Jesus replied, "I watched Satan fall from the sky like lightning. Look: I've given you the power to tread on snakes and scorpions—even all the forces of the enemy—and nothing will ever injure you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice in the fact that the spirits obey you so much as that your names are inscribed in heaven."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE 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.]

There is so much here among us. So much love. Resources to share. Power to build for the good of all. Creativity to create new things together. God has given us an abundance. In gratitude, let us bring our 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, we give you thanks! For you have given us each other. We pray that your Spirit would bless this community that we might truly be a sanctuary, a place of belonging, a family in Christ. May all that we bring together enable deeper connections here and encourage love that spills over into all aspects of our lives. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" # 584 vs. 3

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" # 584 vs. 4 & 5

*BENEDICTION

It is an incredible thing to love and be loved,

to know that we are beloved by God and one another.

Too many have been convinced there is no place where they are welcome, there is no one to help them carry their load, and they are unworthy of love and companionship.

Having been convinced of our own belonging,

let us go and extend to others the love that has been extended to us.

Christ sends us and Christ goes with us. May it be so.

POSTLUDE: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (Johann R. Ahle)

Tim Barnes, organist

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