



BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

July 14, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Critical thinking without hope is cynicism. Hope without critical thinking is naiveté."

~ Maria Popova

PRELUDE: "Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See" (Katholisches Gesangbuch)

Tim Barnes, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloveds, rise up! God calls us to courage. **We are made for days like these.**

With hearts that burn for justice, **And the strength to face our fears.**

We are alive to the possibilities of Love.

Present to the pain around us, **We hold each other close.**

Pressing on in faith, **Guided by collective wisdom,**

The dreams of God will lead us.

*OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 400

*OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion, of mercy, of tenderness, in Christ, you have shown us how to love one another, how to meet the pain of our neighbors with the care that is needed. And yet we still have so much to learn. Enable us to live open to new perspectives, To receive correction when we stray from love, And to grow through our interactions with one another. We know that the Kin-dom is always beyond our perception, And still, we long to bring it to fruition. 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.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORT ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Paula Roderick. Lay Member to AC

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:1-14

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Timothy, To the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you from our Loving God. We always give thanks to the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ whenever we pray for you, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you show toward all the holy ones, because of the hope stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading all over the world; it is producing the same fruit there as it did among you, ever since you heard about God's grace and understood what it really is. Epaphras, who taught you, is one of our closest coworkers and a faithful laborer of Christ on our behalf, and it was he who told us all about your love in the Spirit. Therefore, since the day we heard about you, we've been praying for you unceasingly and asking that you attain the full knowledge of God's will, in perfect wisdom and spiritual understanding. Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen. Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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!**

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 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.

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:25-37

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The expert on the Law replied; "You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you'll live." But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: "And just who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying

beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, 'Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I'll repay you on the way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who showed compassion." Jesus replied, "Then go and do the same."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Holy City" (Adams/Wetherley)

Ronnie Lyall, soloist

["The Holy City" chronicles the time of Jesus Christ, beginning with Palm Sunday, segueing to the Crucifixion, and ending with the glory of the New Jerusalem...Heaven. This song has a powerful, historical background...reportedly bringing an epiphany to many. "The Holy City" was sung by Jeanette MacDonald in the film "San Francisco", recorded by Nelson Eddy, and inspired Duke Ellington to compose a song "Hosanna". It has been adopted into the African Methodist Episcopal culture, translated into Afrikaans, and is popular to this day in several South African countries.]

MISSION MINUTE: Lakeview Pantry and Jane Addams Senior Caucus

[see announcements]

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.]

We keep showing up week after week because we believe God lives and so too, does Love. This confession, this faith claim, calls us back to each other and also well beyond these walls. Let us bring our offerings as signs of our commitment to the love in this place and God's love for all creatures and creations.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG see lyrics below

Give and it shall be given unto you. (2x)

Cup runneth over, filled with God's blessing when you give, in the name of Love.

*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

Gracious One, for each time we have denied you because we denied our neighbor, our hearts grieve. May these offerings we bring to you be a seed of our repentance as we recommit ourselves to Love that knows no borders nor prejudices. May your blessing be upon us as we endeavor to be generous, to be thoughtful, and to work together to break cycles of harm and violence. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "What Does the Lord Require of You" FS 2174

*BENEDICTION

What is the greatest commandment?

Love. Love God. Love our neighbors. Love this precious creation and all its creatures.

Love our own beloved flesh. Boldly and courageously and with fervor for justice.

This is our calling and our salvation. As we go from here, may it be so among us.

POSTLUDE: "Trust and Obey" (Daniel B. Towner)

Tim Barnes, organist

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*Liturgy adapted from enfleshed.com. Scripture from The Inclusive Bible. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.*

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