



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

July 21, 2019

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

## CENTERING WORDS

"Our anxiety does not come from thinking about the future, but from wanting to control it."

~ Kahlil Gibran

PRELUDE: "Finlandia" (Sibelius)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let our hearts be open, **let our minds be at peace.**

God comes to dwell with all who welcome Her.

**When we speak the truth from our hearts,**

when we seek the well-being of our neighbors,

**when we turn from all that sets us against each other,**

the Divine abides with us.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Make your home among us.

\*OPENING HYMN: "I've Got a Feeling" (Traditional Spiritual) . . . . . see lyrics below

**1) I've got a feeling, ev'ry thing's gonna be al-right.**

**Oh-oh-oh, I've got a feeling, ev'ry thing's gonna be al-right.**

**I've got a feeling ev'ry thing's gonna be al-right. Be al-right, be al-right, be al-right.**

**2) Jesus said it to me Ev'ry things gonna be al-right.**

**Oh-oh-oh, Jesus said it to me. Ev'ry things gonna be al-right.**

**Jesus said it to me Ev'ry things gonna be al-right. Be al-right, be al-right, be al-right.**

**3) I've got a feeling, ev'ry thing's gonna be al-right.**

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\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

*Bold type indicates congregational response.*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of Christ, in the midst of our worries, you meet us compassionately with a challenge: to trust you, to trust Love, to trust that this faith can hold us. Make us like trees firmly planted by streams of water, able to weather the difficulties of life while still bearing fruit that nourishes and sustains. Nurture our generosity and encourage us in the strength of being together. 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: Psalm 82

God presides in the divine assembly and pronounces judgment among the "gods": "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the corrupt? Defend the lowly and the orphaned; render justice to the oppressed and the destitute! Rescue the weak and the poor, and save them from the hand of violence! But you know nothing and you understand nothing—you walk in darkness, and the foundations of the earth are shaking because of your ignorance! I said, 'You are "gods," all of you—children of the Most High!' But you will die as any mortal, and fall like any ruler!" Rise up, O God, and bring justice to the earth, for all the nations are your possession!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS FOR 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: Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Sovereign YHWH showed me: a basket of ripe figs. God said, "What do you see, Amos?" "A basket of ripe figs," I replied. Then YHWH said to me: "The time is ripe for my people, Israel. I will no longer tolerate their atrocities. The singers in the Temple will wail that day: 'So many corpses scattered anywhere. Hush!'"—It is the Sovereign YHWH who speaks. Listen to this, you who live off of the needy and oppress the poor of the land, you who say, "If only the New Moon were over so we could sell our grain," and, "When Sabbath is over, we will sell our wheat charging higher prices for smaller portions, thus tilting the scales in our favor. That way, we can buy the poor for

silver and the needy for a pair of sandals—and even make a profit on the chaff of the wheat”—YHWH swears by the Pride of Jacob, “I will never forget a single thing you have done.” Will not the land tremble because of this, and all who dwell in it mourn? Will the land not rise up like the Nile, rising and sinking like the river of Egypt? That day—it is the Sovereign YHWH who speaks—I will make the sun set at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into funerals and all your happy songs into dirges. I will have your loins all in sackcloth, your heads all shaved. I will make the land mourn as one would mourn for a dead child—all of this on that bitter day! The day is coming—it is the Sovereign YHWH who speaks—when I will send famine on the land: not a famine of bread or thirst for water, but a famine of not hearing the words of YHWH. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east seeking revelation from YHWH, but will not find it.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Felipe Foucher

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 are so many distractions that pull us away from the possibilities of life in God. This is part of why we gather together—to help remind each other of who we are and of what incredible things we are capable of, in community. In gratitude to God for all that grounds us, let us bring our gifts and offerings.

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

**Holy One, as we bring these offerings we remember all that remains unresolved around us.  
We pray for all who hunger, for all who are weighed down with economic burdens, and for  
every heart heavy with anxiety about tomorrow's troubles. Bless these gifts to the work of  
all that brings peace through justice, through love and care, and through the knowledge of  
your presence with us. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” ..... see insert

\* B E N E D I C T I O N

Though we go from here in different directions,  
**still we go together:**  
bound by the promises of God, held in the prayers of one another,  
**and joined in the shared labors of love.**  
With Christ as our companion, let us go in peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Majesty" (Rev. Jack Hayford)

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

*We welcome Felipe Foucher as guest preacher today! Felipe is a native of California, but has spent most of his childhood/adulthood in the Chicago Area! Felipe accepted Christ at an early age, worshipping with various Faiths and participating in various choirs in the Chicago/Champaign IL. area/s. Felipe has also pursued a Bachelors Degree in Theater/Communications having received a Special Studies/Bachelors of Science Degree! Felipe has been an active member of Broadway UMC WNL for over a year now, and also has attended Sunday Worship Services as often as possible here at Broadway UMC! Felipe has committed himself to sharing his gift of song and message of hope, to the LGBT Community and Community and beyond! Felipe is in the path of seminary, with the hopes of Impacting the UMC Faith, through education of the faith and guidance from the Spirit of Christ and Appointed Faith Leaders!*

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