



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

August 4, 2019

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

## CENTERING WORDS

"With life as short as a half taken breath, don't plant anything but love." ~ Rumi

PRELUDE: "How Like a Gentle Spirit" (Alfred Morton Smith)

Tim Barnes, organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

How precious, how fragile, how short is life!

**Our lives are but a breath. God brings us into being. God weaves our lives together. God ushers us into eternal rest.**

Blessed are the Sacred rhythms of life and holy are these gifts: **to be alive,**  
to be free in Christ, **to be held in love's eternal embrace.**

Let everything that has breath praise God.

\*OPENING HYMN: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" ..... # 152

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**Creative and Creating One, by your Spirit, all life is set in motion. Generation after generation, you have held us and all the earth in our coming and our going. Though your steady hand upholds us, still we struggle to give up control. Give us the courage to hold life and one another gently, grasping neither at possessions nor power. Grant us a posture of release and an openness to all you have for us. In Christ we pray, 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

### SCRIPTURE READING: Hosea 11:1-11

“When Israel was a youth, I loved it dearly, and out of Egypt I called my child. But the more I called them, the further they turned from me, making sacrifices to the Ba’als and burning incense to carved images. I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arm—but they don’t acknowledge that I was the one who made them whole. I led them on a leash of human kindness—with bonds of caring. I removed the yoke from their necks and stooped to feed them. Now they will return to Egypt and Assyria will rule over them because they refuse to return to me. Swords will flash in their villages, destroying their gates and devouring them because of their plans. My people are determined to turn away from me! Even though they cry out to the heights, they will not be lifted up. How can I abandon you, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart is aching within me; I am burning with compassion! No, I can’t do it! I cannot act on my righteous anger! I will not turn around and destroy Ephraim! For I am God—no mere mortal—the Holy One who walks among you! They will follow YHWH, who will roar like a lion! When they hear that great roar, the children of God will return from the west, trembling. They will come out of Egypt trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, like doves. I will resettle them in their own homes,” says YHWH.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: “I’ll Tell It, Wherever, I Go” (Thomas A. Dorsey)

Haleigh Kent, soloist

### \* SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance.” Jesus replied, “Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter?” Then he told the crowd, “Avoid greed in all its forms. Your life isn’t made more secure by what you own—even when you have more than you need.” Jesus then told them a parable in these words: “There was a rich farmer who had a good harvest. ‘What will I do?’ the farmer mused. ‘I have no place to store my harvest. I know! I’ll pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and goods will go there. Then I’ll say to myself: you have blessings in reserve for many years to come. Relax! Eat, drink and be merry!’ But God said to the farmer, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. To whom will all your accumulated wealth go?’ This is the way it works with people who accumulate riches for themselves, but are not rich in God.”

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.]*

All that we have is because of others. Whether justly or unjustly, there is nothing that has come to us without touching the lives of neighbors known and unknown. In a spirit of recognition for this web of life that binds us together, complicated as it is, let us offer our gifts to God and one another in return.

\*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 generosity and justice. You share in our grief at the world's imbalance. Many do not have enough while others have far too much. We long to imagine and practice a different kind of economy where resources - spiritual and financial - are distributed justly. Bless these gifts and lead us in the way of true release from all that binds us to spirits of scarcity and greed. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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: "Fill My Cup, Lord" ..... # 641

*\*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."*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* CLOSING HYMN: "Standing On the Promises" . . . . . # 374

\* BENEDECTION

Life is but a breath. What we have is each other.

**And our place in the whole. And the Love that holds it all together.**

Let us go from here in a spirit of gratitude, captivated by the wonder of all God has given us,  
clinging to nothing, free to truly live.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Lowell Mason)

Tim Barnes, organist



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

**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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