



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

August 11, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

PRELUDE: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Lowell Mason)

Tim Barnes, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together in the presence of God to remember:

**We remember the faithful saints,
their labors for justice,
their proclamations that challenge,
their perseverance in times of struggle.**

We come together in the presence of God to pause:

**We pause to pay attention to our lives,
to listen to the wisdom within,
to be present to the lives of our neighbors and companions.**

We come together in the presence of God to hope:

**With hope, we seek to en flesh the promises of God,
letting peace make its home in us,
creating paths of restoration for all that is being destroyed,
practicing love that uplifts and empowers.**

Here we are, O God! **May your Spirit move in this place.**

*OPENING HYMN: "For All the Saints" # 711 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate One, when we grow weary with the challenges of our time, may your Spirit revive us through the ancient stories of our faith. In turning to things past, may we find new grounding in the present. Through great suffering, you have sustained your people. Into lands of milk and honey, your hand has guided. By your loving embrace, lives have been transformed. Let us not forget the history of your great works in our present labor for a world renewed. 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: Hebrews 11:1-3

Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for; faith is the proof of all that is unseen. Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God. By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: "We've Come This Far by Faith" (A. Goodson)

Broadway Choir

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] "Fear not, little flock. For it has pleased your Abba to give you the kingdom. Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people. Make purses for yourselves that don't wear out—treasures that won't fail you, in heaven that thieves can't steal and moths can't destroy. For wherever your treasure is, that's where your heart will be. Be dressed and ready, and keep your lamps lit. Be like the household staff waiting the owner's return from a wedding, so that when the owner arrives and knocks, you'll open the door without delay. It will go well with those staff members whom the owner finds wide awake upon returning. I tell you the absolute truth, the owner will put on an apron, seat them at table and proceed to wait on them. Should the owner happen to come at midnight, or before sunrise, and find them prepared, it will go well with them. Understand this: no homeowner who knew when a thief was coming would have let the thief break in! So be on guard—the Promised One will come when least expected."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

MISSION MINUTE: Missionary Clara Biswas & Lincoln Park Community Shelter [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.]

Even in times of doubt, of struggle, or of disbelief, still we practice the ancient rhythms of hope, gathering together and sharing what we have with God and our neighbors. In this spirit, let us bring our offerings.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG see lyrics below

**You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.
And just as sure as you are living, and the Lord is in heaven on high,
The more you give the more God gives to you.
So just keep on giving because it's really true
that you can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.**

*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 told us what you desire. Not offerings for their own sake, but lives oriented towards the common good, living in solidarity with the oppressed, defending the persecuted, and advocating for the neglected. Receive these our gifts and nurture in us an active faith — alive with love and eager to serve. May your work in and among us be blessed. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Go, Make of All Disciples" # 571

*BENEDICTION

Faithful ones, let us go from here with conviction, with assurance, with hope!

For even when we can't see it and we struggle to feel it, Love has always been with us, the Kin-dom of God is alive within us, and Justice will one day be our home.

May God be with us, today and always, as we seek to live what we believe. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (Katholisches Gesangbuch) Tim Barnes, organist



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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