



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

September 8, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"My mind is like clay, but thank goodness God knows how to mold it!" ~ Mary Kate

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

Timothy Barnes, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Skilled Potter God, I am your living clay.

I am your soft, unformed, and being-shaped mass of earth.

I am your in-process vessel, well-kneaded by your warm earth hands.

I am clay...becoming.

*OPENING HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" # 393

*OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are we, O God, when we remember your delight in us. On days when we wonder if we are enough, when we feel broken, or when we struggle to feel our worth, your Spirit reaches out to us. You who brought us into being have more faith in us than we often have in ourselves. May we be renewed in belief and hear anew your dreams for us. 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

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds followed Jesus. He turned to them and said, "If any of you come to me without turning your back on your mother and your father, your loved ones, your sisters and brothers, indeed your very self, you can't be my follower. Anyone who doesn't take up the cross and follow me can't be my disciple. If one of you were going to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the outlay to see if you have enough money to complete the project? You'd do that for fear of laying the foundation and then not being able to complete the work—because anyone who saw it would jeer at you and say, 'You started a building and couldn't finish it.' Or if the leaders of one country were going to declare war on another country, wouldn't they first sit down and consider whether, with an army of ten thousand, they could win against an enemy coming against them with twenty thousand? If they couldn't, they'd send a delegation while the enemy is still at a distance, asking for terms of peace. So count the cost. You can't be my disciples if you don't say goodbye to all of your possessions."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "God Has Smiled On Me" (arr. James Cleveland) Summer Pick Up Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 18:1-6

This word came to Jeremiah from YHWH: "Get up and make your way down to the potter's house. I will give you my message there." So I went down to the potter's house, and there the potter was working at the wheel. Whenever the object of clay that the potter was making turned out badly, the potter tried again, making of the clay another object, of whatever sort the potter pleased. Then the word of YHWH came to me: "House of Israel, can I not do to you what this potter does?—it is YHWH who speaks. Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel."

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

MESSAGE: "Potter's Wheel" Rev. Alka Lyall

MISSION MINUTE: National Ataxia Foundation and Mujeres a Mujeres [see next page]

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.]

God has created us with the capacity to do incredible things. In this world full of ache and loss, we have the ability to be healers. To hold grief. To create art. To tell the truth. To find joy even in times of suffering. And so let us gather together what we have, these Sacred gifts and all our offerings, and see what God might do among us.

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

**Creative One, from you we inherit dreams of a world rich in justice and overflowing with
kindness. Bless these gifts to the work of bringing that world into fruition. Shape us into a
community that faithfully discerns your desires for us, that we might be partners with you in
the renewing of the world. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" FS 2129

* SENDING FORTH

Like clay in the hands of a potter, God shapes our lives and brings us into being. Each of us,
creative expressions of Divine intention.

**We are people of beauty. We are people born from love. We are people who believe justice
shall come.**

In the assurance of our holy capacities to be a part of God's will for the flourishing of all life, let us
go with confidence and follow Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "My God, I Love Thee" (Old Winchester)

Timothy Barnes, organist

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

**SEPTEMBER MISSION MINUTES**

**National Ataxia Foundation.** Ataxia is a degenerative disease of the nervous system. These symptoms are caused by damage to the cerebellum, the part of the brain that is responsible for coordinating movement. The National Ataxia Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of persons affected by Ataxia through support, education, and research. More at: <https://ataxia.org/>

**Mujeres a Mujeres** has funded a variety of projects since their inception including providing grants so local girls can pursue their university education, building a kitchen at the La Penita Senior Center, helping to fund the Cancer de Mama Clinic and giving Christmas Baskets to families in the local area. Four years ago, they added a Breakfast Program at the local Junior High School and helped fund a new floor at a local Kindergarten and shade covering at another. More at: [mujeresamujeres.com/our-projects/](http://mujeresamujeres.com/our-projects/)

**You can donate** by designated cash or check in the offering plate, mailing checks to the church, or [giving online](#). Your donation will be split evenly between mission minutes each month unless specified otherwise.

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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.

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