



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

September 29, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Life is a process of becoming, a combination of states we have to go through. Where people fail is that they wish to elect a state and remain in it. This is a kind of death." ~ Anais Nin

PRELUDE: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Thomas A. Dorsey)

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.

Put me in fire, Skilled Potter God;

put me in your own bright fire.

I am warm, warm as you from fire.

Soft and hard, shaped and purposeful. I am so warm from fire.

*OPENING HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" # 393 plus additional verse below

1. **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2x)**

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. **Essence of Your saving Grace, fall afresh on me. (2x)**

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Essence of Your saving Grace, fall afresh on me.

*OPENING PRAYER

**God who holds close, when we face consequences for siding with love, do not let us despair.
May we be encouraged in our faithfulness and strengthened by the memories of the saints
who went before us. Grant us peace as we trust that wherever destruction may have its way,
resurrection will soon follow. Amen.**

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

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: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] "Once there was a rich person who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. At the gate of this person's estate lay a beggar named Lazarus, who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich person's table, and even the dogs came and licked Lazarus' sores. One day poor Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to the arms of Sarah and Abraham. The rich person likewise died and was buried. In Hades, in torment, the rich person looked up and saw Sarah and Abraham in the distance, and Lazarus resting in their company. 'Sarah and Abraham,' the rich person cried, 'have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am tortured by these flames!' But they said, 'My child, remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now Lazarus has found consolation here, and you have found torment. But that's not all. Between you and us there is a fixed chasm, so that those who might wish to come to you from here can't do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us.' The rich person said, 'I beg you, then, to send Lazarus to my own house where I have five siblings. Let Lazarus be a warning to them, so that they may not end in this place of torment.' But Sarah and Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let your siblings hear them.' 'Please, I beg you,' the rich person said, 'if someone would only go to them from the dead, then they would repent.' 'If they don't listen to Moses and the prophets,' Sarah and Abraham replied, 'they won't be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead!'"

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Never Alone" (traditional Gospel tune)

Lamar Adams, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH in the tenth year of Zedekiah ruler of Judah, which was also the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar: At that time the army of the ruler of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was imprisoned in the court of the guardhouse attached to the residence of the ruler of Jerusalem. Zedekiah the ruler imprisoned him after demanding, "How dare you prophesy the way you do?" ... The word of YHWH came to me and said, "Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you and say, 'Buy my field in Anathoth. As next of kin you have the right of redemption to purchase it.'" And just as YHWH foretold, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guardhouse and said, "Buy my field at Anathoth in Benjamin. You have the right of redemption to purchase it as next of kin. So why not purchase it?" I knew that this was the word of YHWH. So I bought the field in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money—seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed and sealed it, had it witnessed and then weighed out the money on a scale. I took the copies of the deed of purchase—both the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions and the unsealed copy—and gave them to Baruch

ben-Neriah ben-Mahseiah in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and all the people of Judah who happened to be in the court of the guardhouse. I gave Baruch these instructions in their presence: “Thus says YHWH Omnipotent, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and the unsealed deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so that they may be preserved for a very long time. For this is what YHWH Omnipotent, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will once again be purchased in this land.”

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

MESSAGE: “Hope for the Future”

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.]

As a community of people seeking together the Kingdom of God, we strive to take care of each other. Each of us, bringing our abundance to share wherever there is lack—whether lack of community, or food, a listening ear, or housing—together, we can meet each other’s needs. With faith in God, our radical Provider, let us bring our offerings.

* 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 our ancestors, bless these offerings to the work of your prophets: The ones who remind us who we are and what we are capable of. The ones who reveal what is true. The ones who point us to a world where none go hungry, none are pushed to the edges, and none are treated as anything less than your beloveds. May their testimonies be blessed and may our responses be faithful. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN: “Go Forth for God” # 670

* SENDING FORTH

Every day, forces of evil push people and creatures to the edges:

To suffer alone. To act as scapegoats for the ills of our society. To keep us from prioritizing each other.

But God dwells with the despised and brings life into places meant for death. So let us go with God, building Love and Justice over chasms of despair, that we might birth new life together. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "How Like A Gentle Spirit" (Alfred Morton Smith)

Timothy 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.



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