



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

October 6, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Breathing in, I see all my ancestors in me: my mineral ancestors, plant ancestors, mammal ancestors, and human ancestors. My ancestors are always present, alive in every cell of my body, and I play a part in their immortality." ~ Thich Nhat Hanh, *The Art of Living*

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN: "Welcome" see insert

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious One, there are days when we are overwhelmed by the challenges before us. Life can feel so heavy when the future is unclear. When it is so, gather us together for remembering. You, the God who makes a way out of no way, are working to birth new worlds among 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful, God, **hear our prayer!**

Loving God, **we give you thanks!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Broadway Choir

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

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.]

It is no easy task to live faithfully to Love. Whatever boundaries and barriers we face in our faithfulness, we cannot overcome them alone. And so, God has given us each other; to learn and grow together, to offer one another mutual support, and to share in the sacred labors of enfleshing God’s dreams. With affection for one another and gratitude for all God’s sustaining gifts, 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 those who came before and those who are yet to come, we bring what we have to you. We long to leave a mark on this planet that is more love than apathy, more healing than destruction, and more justice than complicity. May your hopes for us take on flesh and may these gifts be blessed to the service of your will. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:34-46

The ruler will say to those on the right, “Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.” Then these just will ask, “When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?” The ruler will answer them, “The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.” Then the ruler will say to those on the left, “Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.” Then they in turn will ask, “When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?” The answer will come, “The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE: “I Don’t Want to Miss What Matters”

Rev. Alka Lyall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, who leads and guides us on our way, we thank you that in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to keep your love at the center of our lives.

We confess that in the rush of things that demand our attention, sometimes the heart of our faith gets lost. Forgive us when we allow the things we name now to get in the way of what really matters. *(Feel free to name in a word or short phrase the things that get in the way of your focus on what really matters.)*

Holy One, refocus our passion on the vision of justice and mercy you have called us to bring to life. Keep us always mindful and aware of your grace, so that we don't miss what matters. In the name of the One who gives us the courage to follow the truths you reveal to us. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.

You created a world filled...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed...these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 kingdom 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 kingdom, 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.]*

* See "As We Are Fed" under today's announcements

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" FS 2184

*SENDING FORTH

As you go, may the gifts of God be rekindled within you. May they be nourished. May they be protected. And may they be shared generously for the sake of the common Good. Remember that God is alive in you, and in all your neighbors too. Whatever troubles may come our way, God goes with us. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE



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