



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

October 13, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Real listening always brings people closer together. Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world. Rely on human goodness. Stay together." ~ Margaret Wheatley, *Turning to One Another*

PRELUDE: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (George Croly)

Timothy Barnes, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the Spirit of the Living God be welcome in this place!

Come, O God, and be with us!

The One who raises the sun each morning and lifts high the moon at night, ushers us too, through cycles of rising, falling, and rising again.

Though we stumble, God lifts us. Though we doubt, God remains. Though we get weary, God revives.

Come, O God, and let the new day begin.

*OPENING HYMN: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" see insert

*OPENING PRAYER

God of new life, even when we find ourselves in situations once unimaginable, you give us reason to hope. In the midst of destruction, you enliven our capacities for building community and connection. In the midst of evil's reign, the gifts of your Spirit remain with us. By your grace, make us creators of justice and planters of peace in whatever land we find ourselves in. 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM: "All Things Work Together for Good to Those Who Love Our God" (John Carter)

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Saducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" Jesus answered: "'You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well." While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?" They said, "David's." Then Jesus asked, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah 'Sovereign'? For he says, 'The Most High said to my Sovereign, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot."' If David calls the Messiah 'Sovereign,' how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?" No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE: "Give Me Open Hands and Open Doors"

Rev. Alka Lyall

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

The world is big, we are small.

Open us, Holy One, to the vast expanse of Your kin-dom.

Compassion takes heart, it also takes space, food, volunteers and advertising.

Open us, Compassionate One, to the gifts within us for compassion.

Connection takes relationship, it also takes tables, teachers, cooks and curriculum.

Open us, Relational One, to the gifts within us for connection.

Inspiration takes scripture, it also takes music, pews, sound equipment and leaders.

Open us, Inspired One, to the gifts within us for inspiration.

Transformation takes proclamation, it also takes training, space, purpose and organization.

Open us, Transforming One, to the gifts within us for transformation.

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MISSION MINUTE: UMCOR and Gerber/Hart Library and Archives [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.]

If we offer but a seed to plant, the hand of God can bring forth gardens. So let us bring what we have together and see how love might be multiplied.

OFFERTORY SONG: "You Can't Beat God Giving" (Doris Akers) see lyrics below

**You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.
And just as sure as you are living, and God is in heaven on high,
The more you give the more God gives to you.
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

Creative and Creating One, bless these gifts to your work of renewal and restoration. Where evil has had its way, bring forth healing. Bring forth justice. Bring forth new possibilities for life and for love. Thanks be to you, O God, our eternal hope. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" FS 2238

*BENEDICTION

Beloveds, wherever we go, under whatever conditions we find ourselves, the Spirit of the Living God goes with us. She births new worlds from ruins and makes even the dead come alive. With the company of Her abiding presence, go in peace. **AMEN.**

POSTLUDE: "Majesty" (Rev. Jack Hayford)

Timothy Barnes, organ



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