



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

October 20, 2019

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

## CENTERING WORDS

"Everybody loves butterflies. But I trust the caterpillars more. I trust the ones who know they aren't done."  
~ Andrea Gibson

PRELUDE: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (Johann R. Ahle)

Timothy Barnes, organ

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, our help in times of trouble, gather us together.

**We come in search of Wisdom.**

Through the Sacred testimonies of our faith, God feeds us.

**For the nourishment of our souls, we come.**

In the quiet of prayer, God speaks to us.

**We come to listen.**

The seeking. The doubting. The skeptical. The sure.

**God welcomes us all.**

In the mystery of Divine Wisdom, come, and let us linger together.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Make Us One" ..... FS 2224

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**Come, Holy Wisdom, and be our guide. You know us through and through: Our greatest fears. Our untended pain. Our deepest desires. Nothing needs to be hidden from you. Come and meet us within, ushering us more deeply into the heart of Love. 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

## 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 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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Blest Are They" (David Haas)

## SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:3-8

In light of the grace I have from God, I urge each of you not to exaggerate your own importance. Each of you must judge yourself soberly by the standard of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members—and these members don't have the same function—so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body. And as members of that one body, we belong to each other. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophecy, use it in proportion to your faith. If your gift is ministry, use it for service. If you are a teacher, use your gift for teaching. If you are good at preaching, then preach boldly. If you give to charity, do so generously; if you are a leader, exercise your authority with care; if you help others, do so cheerfully.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE: "That I May Reach Out"

Rev. Alka Lyall

## 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.]*

For all the ways God meets us in this place, inviting us into questions, pushing and pulling at our individual and collective self-understandings, and helping us to grow with and for each other, we give thanks. Let us embody our gratitude by sharing what we have with one another.

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

**Gracious One, wherever there is turmoil, you draw near. Whether our struggles are internal  
or our wrestling is with rulers and institutions, you companion us in times of strife. We pray  
that all who are afraid may feel your embrace, and ask your blessing upon these gifts, a  
sign of our gratitude for your presence with us. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" . . . . . FS 2223

\*BENEDICTION

Beloveds, let us go with the assurance of Wisdom's companionship. Whatever our circumstances,  
whatever questions may swirl or doubts may persist, the Holy One will find us,

**the Holy One will hold us, and the Holy One will be our guide.**

Thanks be to God.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (W.H. Monk) Timothy Barnes, organ



*Liturgy adapted from enfleshed.com and worshipdesignstudio.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.

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