



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

November 24, 2019

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

### CENTERING WORDS

"I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain." - James Baldwin, *The Fire Next Time*

PRELUDE: "We Gather Together" (Edward Kremser)

Timothy Barnes, organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still, and remember that God is our refuge. When the cross looms and evil stands tall  
we remember: **God is courage in destruction's wake. God is love that sets the captives free.**

God is solidarity in the midst of struggle. God is justice that brings cruelty to an end.

**Our strength does not mirror systems of dominance. Salvation is this: God within us,  
God among us.**

With thanks, we gather with God, our hope in times of trouble.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Be the God of Israel" ..... see insert

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Vulnerable One, you do not seek the thrones of our time. You turn, instead, towards taking on  
flesh in people and places despised. Free us, O God, from all that deceives us into seeking our  
deliverance among the mighty and forceful. Through Christ, our way, 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

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE: TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (TDOR)

We praise you, Holy One, for the gift of life, precious, stubborn, fragile and beautiful; We are grateful for the time we have to live upon the earth, to love, to grow, to be.

**We give thanks for the will to live and for our capacity to live fully all of the days that we are given;**

and for those who have been taken by the devastation of violence used against them we remember them and claim the opportunity to build lives of wholeness in their honor.

**We give you thanks for the partners, friends, allies and families who have been steadfast in their love; for the people who have devoted their life's work to the prevention of violence, support and making transition from one gender to another possible with passion and commitment,**

For the diligent science, brilliant ideas and insights that have led to new, life-giving procedures, for those in leadership who have acted to provide health care for people who are in transition.

**We give thanks for those whose prejudice and judgment have yielded to understanding, for those who have overcome fear, indifference or burnout to embrace a life of caring compassion.**

We praise you, Eternal One, for those who have loved enough that their hearts have broken, who cherish the memories of those we have lost, and for those who console the grieving.

**God, grant us the love, courage, tenacity, and will to continue to make a difference in a world even with the violence aimed towards our community;**

Inspire us to challenge and stand strong against the forces that allow the needless harm and violence to continue -- prejudice, unjust laws, repression, stigma and fear.

**Into your care, we trust and lift up the hundreds of souls who have been tortured and murdered.**

We lift up to you our dreams of a world where all are cared for, **Our dreams of wholeness,**

Our dreams of a world where all are accepted and respected, **A dream we know you share.**

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep in my pasture!" declares YHWH. "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who are tending my people: You have scattered my flock and driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds, declares YHWH. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their own pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will also raise up shepherds who will look after them and pasture them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified nor will any be missing, declares YHWH. Behold, the days are coming, declares YHWH, when I will raise up for the house of David a righteous branch, who will reign as a true ruler and act wisely, and do what is just and right in the land. In

those days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the name on which they will call: 'YHWH, Our Justice'”

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

CHORAL ANTHEM: “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” (arr. William Dawson)

\* SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:33-43

When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there—together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them. The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, “If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself—and us!” But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.” Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you’ll be with me in paradise!”

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

MESSAGE

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.]*

Not by might nor by riches will the Kin-dom of God be built. It takes community. And persistence. And laughter. And the labor of those who hunger for righteousness. With faith in the strange and sacred ways of God, let us bring with gratitude our gifts and offerings.

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Give Thanks” ..... FS 2036 (inclusive language below)

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks, because God gave us, Jesus Christ, the Son. (2x)**

**and now, let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what our God has done, for us.” (2x) Give thanks!**

\* 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

**Crucified One, you always remember the vulnerable, the despised, the ones deemed criminals. Even when we forget one another or turn our backs on our neighbors, you keep the suffering company. In offering these gifts, we pray for the strength to practice love like yours—love that is loyal and just. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: “This Little Light of Mine” ..... # 585

\*BENEDICTION

Beloveds, if you have been crucified, criminalized, bullied, or mocked because of who you are, or who you love, or for the radical visions of justice that seize you, remember you go in the company of the One in whom truth shall never be abandoned and justice is made to rise from the grave, again, and again, and again.

**Thanks be to God.** Go in peace.

POSTLUDE: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (William Sterndale Bennett) Timothy Barnes, organ  
*[Please remain seated for the postlude, or if needed, leave quietly.]*

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