



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

CENTERING WORDS

"The disciples said to Jesus: 'Tell us how our end will be.' Jesus said: 'Have you already discovered the beginning that you are now asking about the end? For where the beginning is, there the end will be too.'

~ Gospel of Thomas

PRELUDE: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Charles C. Converse)

Timothy Barnes, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy is the One whose Love birthed all creation into being.

God fashioned life into a garden and filled the earth with beauty.

Shaped by harmony and wholeness, all the earth's creatures and creations once thrived in natural abundance. **In the bounty of the earth, there was enough for everyone.**

Though greed and corruption pluck up and tear down, pollute and exploit,

We remember our place in the whole of things.

We are creatures of the soil — created to nurture collective life.

Neither dominance nor destruction is our destiny.

Thanks be to God who gives us the power to resist evil and choose paths that restore.

We come together in the Presence of God to remember the source of our hope.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of abundance, God of plenty, God of enough, imbalances of power have distorted humanity’s relationship to the earth. While some hoard, others go hungry. While some profit off of the land, others are criminalized for protecting it. Give us the courage to join all those who are working to restore balance to your creation. In ways bold and ordinary, nurture in us what is needed in these times. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “And Are We Yet Alive” # 553 vs. 1 & 3

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

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”..... FS 2112

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:25-30

Then Jesus prayed, “Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you have revealed to the youngest children. Yes, Abba, everything is as you want it to be.” Jesus continued, “Everything has been handed over to me by Abba God. No one knows the Only Begotten except Abba God, and no one knows Abba God except the Only Begotten—and those to whom the Only Begotten wants to give that revelation. Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM: “Hold Back the Night” (Charles Nicks, Jr.)

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.]

There are no paths to collective flourishing but through love, truth, and community. Neither legacies of shame nor snares of guilt are God’s intentions for us. With the confidence that together, we have something vital to contribute to the Sacred labors of liberation, let us bring our gifts together.

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 alabado. 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

Spirit of Truth, through all manner of temptations you give us the power to choose what is good. Though evil comes with its alluring invitations, your grace companions us even when we falter. For your steadfast love that accompanies us through the complexities of life and the conflicts of the soul, we offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.]*

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.

* See “As We Are Fed” under today’s announcements

COMMUNION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" # 618

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: "It is Well With My Soul" # 377 vs. 1 & 4


*BENEDICTION

Holy creatures of the earth, be emboldened in your faith. God has given us what we need to turn lands of ruin into a garden restored. For the sake of all our neighbors, human and creaturely, the Spirit sends us in power, humble with repentance, courageous in hope, to seek the renewal of the land. **May it be so among us. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (William B. Bradbury) Timothy Barnes, organ
[Please remain seated for the postlude, or if needed, leave quietly.]

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