LENT 2020 AT BROADWAY CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2020 | 11:00 AM

When God Uses Our REGRET...



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

CENTERING WORDS

"The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrum..."

~ Noam Chomsky

PRELUDE: "Be Still, My Soul" (Jean Sibelius)

Timothy Barnes, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who yearn for connection, all who hunger for justice and thirst for bodily renewal come and be replenished.

With hope and expectation, we bring all that our souls desire.

Let everyone weary from isolation or overwhelmed by life's troubles come and find rest in God's care.

All those who come seeking community are received in Holy Embrace.

May the presence and provision of God be manifest among us that all may have what they need.

We come to give, we come to receive, we come to grow in love.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*OPENING PRAYER

God Who Knows, all that we experience is held in your care. Nothing is hidden from you—not the burdens we bear in public or the quiet pain felt only in secret. Your love for us welcomes everything that aches. With hearts open to your Spirit, we bring all our hopes and fears to you. 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 bienvenidas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Order My Steps" (Glenn Burleigh)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful, God, hear our prayer!
Loving God, we give you thanks!

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"..... # 117 vs. 1 & 6

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19:1-8

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight. When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE Rev. Alka Lyall

MISSION MINUTES: Jane Addams Senior Caucus and SHEROES

[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.]

God is always reaching out to the people, places, and parts of us that are weary from isolation or cast out by exclusion. God comes to lift up the lowly and make prophets of the dejected. With thanks for the subversive ways of love, let us bring what we have 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 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

Holy One, your loyalty is not to social etiquette. Your love is not tethered to decency nor decorum. Wherever there is suffering in body or in spirit, you come alongside with companionship. No exceptions. For all the ways you show us such care when others don't, we give you thanks. For the times you extend that care to those whom we deny, we bring our offerings with humble gratitude. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior".....# 351

*BENEDICTION

God meets us in the hard places. The territories of struggle. The sites of desperation. The places of deepest need. In our fears and our pain, God comes beside us. With a commitment to extending this care to one another and all our neighbors, so that none may be left alone, the Spirit sends us with peace. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (St. Denio)

Timothy Barnes, organ

[Please remain seated for the postlude, or if needed, leave quietly.]

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We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

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