



...When God Uses ALL the Pieces.

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

CENTERING WORDS

"I am an American, not an Asian-American. My rejection of hyphenation has been called race treachery, but it is really a demand that America deliver the promises of its dream to all its citizens equally."

~ Bharati Mukherjee

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The abiding love of God cradles the entire cosmos.

**All of eternity rests in the embrace of Sacred Wisdom.**

When our fears and limitations crowd our perception of what's possible,

**We remember, our help comes from God.**

In memory of the saints who leaned on Love in the most trying situations,

**And in solidarity with all who dare to practice hope in these days,**

Let us gather in the presence of God that we might be renewed in faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and make us brave in moral imagination.**

\* OPENING HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" . . . . . # 381 vs. 1 & 4

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Divine Wisdom, you invite us to live and perceive differently. Where the world rules aggressively with the rigid and narrow, you draw us into questions that purposely unravel and expand. May your Spirit enable us to keep our hearts and our minds always open, malleable to your love that stirs, surprises, and shakes-up. Amen.**

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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Welcome to worship, God's beloved! **YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

LITURGICAL DANCE: "Spirit" (Tasha Cobbs) Malia "Ebun" Santiago (*see bio in announcements*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SUNG RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O God"

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: "I Give Myself Away" (Sam Hinn/William McDowell)

\*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 26:69-75

While this was happening, Peter was sitting in the courtyard. One of the attendants came over and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean too, weren't you?" But Peter denied it in front of everyone. He said, "I don't know what you're talking about!" When Peter went out to the gate, another attendant saw him and said to those nearby, "This one was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he cursed and denied it: "I don't know him!" A little while later, some bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You certainly are one of them! Even your accent gives you away!" At that, Peter began cursing and swore, "I don't know the man!" Just then a rooster began to crow, and Peter remembered the prediction Jesus had made: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." Peter went out and cried bitterly.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE: "When God Uses Our REJECTION"

Rev. Alka Lyall

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See" ..... # 520 vs. 1

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.]*

Beloveds, in Christ we are set free from the burdens of proving ourselves to God or one another. Though we strive to grow in love and we hunger mightily for justice, we rest, too, in the grace of God. In a spirit of thanks for the Divine Embrace that reaches towards us always, let us bring our gifts and offerings 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

**Faithful One, we do not always live as we hope to. Though we long to be a [continued...] sanctuary where all the weary are welcome and the malnourished have plenty, our fears get in our way. We speak of bold love but resort to what we know. Keep nurturing your Kindom in us, O God, and receive these gifts we bring with hope. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Stand By Me" ..... # 512

\*BENEDICTION

The Spirit sends us not with certainties but with questions to provoke our journey of faith.

**What if who you are is enough? What if you, beloved, are cherished in your being and not only your doing? What if being brave for the whole also means being gentle towards yourself?**

God accompanies us with a love that upends forces of oppression, the ones that work from within and without. Let us go with faith, together. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "To God Be the Glory" (Andrae Crouch)

Robert Galbreath, Jr.

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



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