

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ONWARD & UPWARD 2020

Online Worship

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11:00 a.m.



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GATHERING OF COMMUNITY

CENTERING WORDS

"Rage is great at helping us to destroy things. That's why people are so afraid of it. But... rage can help us build things, too. The clarity that comes from rage should also tell us what kind of world we want to see... Black women know that justice is rarely found in the rubble. If your rage can do anything for you, I hope it can do for you what it has done for me--help us to build the world we want to see... Joy arises from an internal clarity about our purpose. My purpose is justice... justice brings me joy." ~ Brittney Cooper, *Eloquent Rage*

CENTERING MUSIC

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Alka Lyall

Transforming One, through you we come to recognize the everyday ways we turn from love. Practices of evil can be so normal. So ordinary. So common. Though conforming tempts us with its safety and comfort, you urge us toward a more life-giving way. Make us defiers of every mold that confines and constricts the flourishing of life. **Amen.**

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

(Please check in on [Facebook](#) and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A. Tonks Lynch

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 kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-8 (CEB)

Mark Draper

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai. Walk with me and be trustworthy. I will make a covenant between us and I will give you many, many descendants." Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, "But me, my covenant is with you; you will be the ancestor of many nations. And because I have made you the ancestor of many nations, your name will no longer be Abram but Abraham. I will make you very fertile. I will produce nations from you, and kings will come from you. I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants after you in every generation as an enduring covenant. I will be your God and your descendants' God after you. I will give you and your descendants the land in which you are immigrants, the whole land of Canaan, as an enduring possession. And I will be their God."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN: "Walk With Me"

[FW 2242, vs. 2-4; music below]

Walk with me, I will walk with you and

build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

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1. When Mo - ses heard the call of God he
 2. Now Pe - ter was a most un - like - ly
 3. Young Ma - ry Mag - da - lene was sure her
 4. And when you share your faith with me and

said, "Lord, don't send me." But God told Mo - ses,
man to lead the flock; but Je - sus knew his
life could be much more, and by her faith she
work for life made new, the wit - ness of your

"You're the one to set my peo - ple free."
ho - li - ness and he be - came the Rock.
dared to let God's love un - lock the door.
faith - ful - ness calls me to walk with you.

D.C.

WORDS: John S. Rice (Exod. 3:1-4:20; Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 16:9)
MUSIC: John S. Rice

GLASER
CM with Refrain

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SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:31-9:1 (CEB)

Woo Evans

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels." Jesus continued, "I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see God's kingdom arrive in power."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

A. Tonks Lynch

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

DeShawn Barrett

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The body of Christ is made of many members. We each come with our own offerings. We bring our stories, our talents, our resources, and all that makes us who we are to God, in service to love

and liberation. In the knowledge and assurance that we each play a vital part in the movement of God, let us bring together what we have.



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION DeShawn Barrett

Spirit of Life, you accept us just as we are even as you lure us more deeply into love. You bring us into the company of others to expand our understanding. You send us prophets. You call us to courage. You companion us through wisdom ancient and new. For all the ways your grace enables us to grow, we bring our offerings with gratitude and renew our commitment to pursuing what is good, and true, and just. Amen.

BENEDICTION A. Tonks Lynch

Faithful ones, the aches of the world, the struggle of our neighbors, the grief that fills our hearts, they call us to listen for God's guiding wisdom. We listen that we might be transformed, and bring about transformation. For the sake of the flourishing of collective life, the Spirit sends us to learn from one another, to grow in the ways of liberation, and to love as the body of Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (African-American Spiritual) Robert Galbreath, Jr.

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A. Tonks Lynch (they/them) worked at Broadway UMC as a Student Pastor from October 2015 to June 2016 and as a Youth Lounge Intern from October 2016 to June 2017, when they earned their Masters of Divinity from the University of Chicago. They presented their final thesis on youth and young adult suicidality in BUMC's sanctuary. Prior to that, they have also worked as the Campus Ministry intern at the Wesley Foundation of the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) from 2012 through 2013, and they were on the Board of Directors of Reconciling Ministries Network from 2012 to 2014. Since graduating, Tonks has sought to share hospitality through the hospitality industry itself, bartending at restaurants across Chicago, most recently at Galit in Lincoln Park, led by James Beard Award winning chef, Zach Engel.

## 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.

**Welcome to God's Beloved Community at Broadway.**

**BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons — celebrating the human family's God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God's nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ."

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