

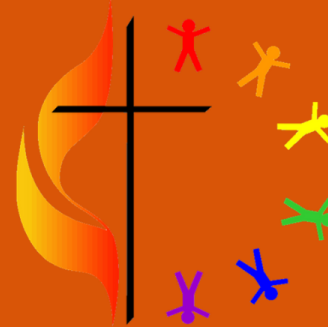
BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ONWARD & UPWARD 2020

Festival Service

September 13, 2020

11:00 a.m.



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GATHERING OF COMMUNITY

CENTERING WORDS

"one thing I don't need is any more apologies
i got sorry greetin me at my front door you can keep yrs
i don't know what to do wit em
they don't open doors or bring the sun back
they don't make me happy or get a mornin paper
didn't nobody stop usin my tears to wash cars cuz a sorry." ~ Ntozake Shang

CENTERING MUSIC: "There is a Balm in Gilead" (Spiritual)

Robert Galbreath, Jr., piano

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Wisdom, we bring into your presence the fullness of who we are. The hurting parts. The regrets. The murky and the messy. We have been wounded and we have wounded others. With courage and humility, we seek your guidance in the mending of the worlds between us and within us. **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

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-35 (Inclusive Bible)

Peter came up and asked Jesus, "When someone wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?" "No," Jesus replied, "not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven. And here's why. The kingdom of heaven is like a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal officials. When the audit was begun, one was brought in who owed tens of millions of dollars. As the debtor had no way of paying, the ruler ordered this official to be sold, along with family and property, in payment of the debt. At this, the official bowed down in homage and said, 'I beg you, your highness, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full!' Moved with pity, the ruler let the official go and wrote off the debt. Then that same official went out and met a colleague who owed the official twenty dollars. The official seized and throttled this debtor with the demand, 'Pay back what you owe me!' The debtor dropped to the ground and began to plead, 'Just give me time and I will pay you back in full!' But the official would hear none of it, and instead had the colleague put in debtor's prison until the money was paid. When the other officials saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and went to the ruler, reporting the entire incident. The ruler sent for the official and said, 'You worthless wretch! I cancelled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your colleague, as I dealt with you?' Then in anger, the ruler handed the official over to be tortured until the debt had been paid in full. My Abba in heaven will treat you exactly the same way unless you truly forgive others from your hearts."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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: Genesis 50:15-21 (Inclusive Bible)

Pondering their father's death, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph is angry with us and repays us for all the wrong we did him?" So they approached Joseph, saying: "Before Jacob died he said to us, 'You must say to Joseph: I beg you, please forgive your brothers their crime and their sin and all the wrong they did you.' Now therefore, we ask you, forgive the crime of us who are faithful to the God of your parents." Joseph wept when he heard this. Then the brothers wept also, and fell down before him, saying, "We present ourselves before you, as your attendants." Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid; is it for me to put myself in God's place? You planned evil for me, but God planned it for the good, as it has come to pass this day—to bring about the survival of many people. So you need not be afraid. I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this manner he assured them with words that touched their hearts.

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

MISSION MINUTE: ARISE CHICAGO

Arise Chicago was founded by a diverse group of religious leaders in 1991 looking to address systemic poverty in the Chicagoland area. As the number of Chicago workers facing harsh

working conditions grew, so did Arise Chicago. With the knowledge that all workers are created in the image of God and therefore deserving of dignity and respect, religious leaders supported workers so their dignity was upheld in the workplace. To date, Arise Chicago has partnered with nearly 4,000 workers to recover more than \$6,300,000 in stolen wages and compensation and to eradicate harassment and discrimination from the workplace. Also, in response to the need for systemic change, Arise Chicago has partnered with several religious, community, labor, and academic community partners to seek changes in public policy which will lead to a fuller measure of God's justice in the workplace. Please support the work of Arise Chicago as they continue to work towards changing the system and defend worker rights. Visit our [donation page](#) to give. (Indicate Mission Minute in memo.)

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.]

What makes a community loving is not a lack of mistakes. It is what we do after we inevitably wrong one another. A loving community is honest. It learns and grows. It seeks to mend through truth and justice and change. With God's help, we practice this in this place. In gratitude for this Sacred investment we make in one another, let us bring what we have together.



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Just and Compassionate One, as we bring our offerings we remember that economic oppression is one of the great and ongoing violences of our world, still so far from redemption. Guide our practices, individual and collective, in the stewardship of our resources. May we be faithful in sharing, redistributing, and disrupting the systems of exploitation that harm us all in body and spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Beloveds, though there is much in this world we cannot control, the power we have is Sacred and True. In partnership with God, through practices of honesty and confession, through extensions of mercy, through resistance that heals and transforms, we glimpse the heavens and the Kingdom draws near. In the company of the Spirit, we are sent to join the menders of the world. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Hoffman/Showalter)

Robert Galbreath, Jr., piano; George Banks, drums



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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BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quick Links for In-Person Worship

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#30DaysAntiRacism

Join us this September for 30 days of anti-racism. Each day we will engage in an activity that helps us to become more anti-racist in the ways we think and act. To learn more about the project, and to access the expanded calendar, visit <https://www.gcorr.org/30-days-of-anti-racism/>.

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