

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ONWARD & UPWARD 2020

Festival Service

September 27, 2020

11:00 a.m.



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GATHERING OF COMMUNITY

CENTERING WORDS

"Don't compete! Practice mutual aid! That is the surest means of giving to each and to all the greatest safety, the best guarantee of existence and progress, bodily, intellectual, and moral."

~ Peter Kropotkin, *Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution* (1902)

CENTERING MUSIC

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, our source of life and love, build up our faith. May we dare to believe things can be done differently. May we be willing to take necessary risks for others. May we persevere through our mistakes and missteps. With joy as our companion and wisdom as our guide, we place our trust in you. **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

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:23-32 (Inclusive Bible)

Jesus entered the Temple precincts and began teaching. The chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, "By what authority are you doing what you do? Who gave you

this authority?" "And I," replied Jesus, "will ask you a single question; if you give me the answer, I will tell you my authority for these actions. What was the origin of John's right to baptize? Was it divine or was it human?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'divine,' he will respond, 'Then why did you refuse to believe him?' But if we say 'human,' we have the people to fear, for they regard John as a prophet." So they replied to Jesus, "We don't know." Jesus said in reply, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things." Jesus continued, "What do you think? There was a landowner who had two children. The landowner approached the elder and said, 'My child, go out and work in the vineyard today.' This first child replied, 'No, I won't,' but afterwards regretted it and went. The landowner then came to the second child and said the same thing. The second child said in reply, 'I'm on my way,' but never went. Which of the two did what was wanted?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "The truth is, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came walking on the road of justice, you didn't believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you didn't repent and believe."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN: "He is Exalted"

Robert Galbreath, Jr. piano

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.

HYMN: "Trust and Obey"

Robert Galbreath, Jr. piano

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 17:1-7 (Inclusive Bible)

The Israelites left the desert of Syn to travel by stages, as YHWH had directed them. They camped at Rephidim, but found no drinking water. Again they turned on Moses, saying, "Give us drinking water." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test YHWH?" But the people were thirsty, and complained even more to Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt only to make us and our children and our livestock die of thirst?" Moses appealed to YHWH. "What am I to do with these people? They are ready to stone me!" YHWH answered Moses, "Take some of the elders and move to the front of the people. Take with you the staff with which you struck the Nile. Go! I will wait for you there by the rock of Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders. Moses named the place Massah, "Testing," and Meribah, "Quarreling," for the Israelites tested YHWH when they said, "Is YHWH with us or not?"

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

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.]

In the middle of all that hurts, the heart of God manifests among us. Through the sharing of our resources. In shared laughter and collective weeping. In practices of care and connection. The love of God makes a way for us through the labyrinth of this life. With gratitude, let us bring our offerings to God and one another.



God is inviting you to specific ministry of sharing your resources. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. To give online, visit us at BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give or scan the QR code. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!

WAYS TO GIVE: **Mail a check** (Broadway Church, 3338 N. Broadway St., Chicago, IL 60657), **drop off a check** in our mailbox, **set up recurring giving** or make a **one-time contribution** through your bank account or credit card through **Vanco here** or by scanning the QR code above, **Zelle** (send to bumclakeview@gmail.com), or **text** the amount you wish to donate to 833-990-2149 (You'll receive a registration link the first time. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

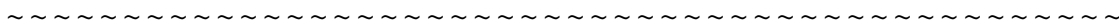
Faithful One, your grace carries us through the unimaginable. When we fear we cannot bear the destruction that surrounds, you sustain our spirits. When we struggle to perceive the way to justice and healing, you speak through prophets ancient and new. For all the ways life persists in the midst of everything that deadens, we bring our gifts with thanks. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As the whole earth groans for freedom, we will find our way through practices of love. Love that is generous. Love that is bold. Love that is reciprocal and risky. Love that does not abandon nor neglect, but is fulfilled in the joy of giving and receiving. Seeking liberation for all life, let us go and live with faith. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (Ludwig Van Beethoven)

Timothy Barnes, organ



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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

If you would like to attend Worship in-person, please [register here](#). (link also available on our website)
Then read the [safety measures on our events page here](#) before attending.



#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/>.

September 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.)



Save the Date: Annual Church/Charge Conference

Broadway's Church Conference is scheduled for **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30pm**. A zoom link will be shared as we get closer.

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