



Broadway United Methodist Church

ONWARD & UPWARD 2020

A WONDER-FULL LIFE

Looking at Money and Meaning

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"Looking In"

Bold type in purple indicates congregational response. (Blue text indicates online links.)

GATHERING OF COMMUNITY

CENTERING WORDS

"You've been given a great gift, George: a chance to see what the world would be like without you. ... Strange, isn't it? Each person's (man's) life touches so many other lives, and when they aren't around, they leave an awful hole, don't they?" ~ The angel Clarence Odbody, *It's a Wonderful Life*

CENTERING MUSIC: "Be Thou My Vision"

OPENING WORDS

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

(Please check in on [Facebook](#) and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC. **We also now have an [online Friendship Pad](#)! Click [here](#) to record your presence.**)

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

TIME FOR PRAYER

Creating God, for the awesome wonders of creation, the abundant feast of family and friends, the plentiful riches of your presence among us, We give thanks.

We are so grateful, O God, for...

Loving God, for those times that feel rife with heartbreak, too much stress and too little assurance, a plethora of pain and not enough possibility, Be with us.

We lift to You, O God...

Gracious God, for those times when our contributions bring more negativity than positivity, more resentment than forgiveness, more breaking down than lifting up,

Forgive us.

In this silence we open our hearts and make our personal and private petitions: *[silence]*

God, you hold nothing against us. You forgive us always, for which we are deeply grateful, and we commit to create more good in the world. This prayer we pray in the name of Jesus who gave us this 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: "Seek Ye First, the Kingdom of God" (UMH 405)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:19-24 (Inclusive Bible)

"Don't store up earthly treasures for yourselves, which moths and rust destroy and thieves can break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust can destroy them and thieves cannot break in and steal them. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be as well. The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is diseased, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light inside you is darkness, how great that darkness will be! No one can serve two superiors. You will either hate one and love the other, or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and Money."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

OCTOBER MISSION MINUTE: **MY BLOCK ★ MY HOOD ★ MY CITY**

One Block At a Time, We Are Building Together

MBMHMC is a grassroots nonprofit community organization founded by activist Jahmal Cole. Their mission is to help inspire and care for youth on the south and west sides by showing them how goals can change the outcome of a situation and influence the choices people make. Cole has become a mentor to youth and adults through his work in creating volunteer initiatives and block clubs in low-income communities. Some of their programs are:

- **Youth Summer Job Opportunities** provided 6,000+ Youth Wellness Calls to Seniors in their **Youth Senior Connect Program**; 330+ tour participants in their **Youth Led Tours**, showing North Lawndale to hundreds of first time visitors. A total of 93 young people were employed this summer in all of their **youth development programs**.
- **Explorers Program** provides underprivileged youth with an awareness of the world and opportunities beyond their neighborhood. Students are taken on explorations focused

on STEM, Arts & Culture, Citizenry & Volunteerism, Health, Community Development, Culinary Arts, and Entrepreneurism.

- The **Small Business Relief Fund** collected \$1 million in just two days to help businesses make repairs after looting.
- **Chicago Police Dept Cadet Tours.** For the second consecutive summer, youth in North Lawndale have been employed and empowered to lead CPD cadets on tours of their community. "We want future officers to know and fall in love with the communities they will one day serve, and have positive connections with the young people of the community."

Jahmal Cole received a 2020 Elevating Youth Voices award and a Red Cross Heroes award. Look for a documentary about MBMHMC, yet to be released, titled **Tiny Ripple of Hope.**

MBMHMC website: [@myblockmyhoodmycity](https://formyblock.org)

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.]

When halls of power try to turn our gaze away from suffering and neglect, how are we to respond? In this community, we choose to pay attention. We will not hide from trouble or silence suffering that surrounds. God has woven our lives together. With renewed commitment to solidarity, let us share our gifts and offerings.



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** (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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Agitator, Blessed Defender of Life, you teach us how to practice courage in the hardest situations. When we would rather remain silent. Or go with the flow. Or stay off the radar of our enemies. You remind us of the Sacred calling of love that will not let us take shelter in privilege or apathy. For your disruptive and saving truths, we bring our gifts with thanks. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Courageous ones, God sends us with the audacity of Christ. Before thrones of injustice and in the quiet of our own hearts, the Spirit enables us to be brave: For our own integrity. For our neighbors' well-being. For the sake of collective flourishing. With peace that passes all understanding, let us go and live our faith. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" (Fanny Crosby)

Robert Galbreath, Jr.

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**Worship design and liturgy** adapted from [www.worshipdesignstudio.com](http://www.worshipdesignstudio.com) and [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com).

## 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](#). (This link is also available on our website.) Then read the [safety measures on our events page](#) before attending.

Annual Church/Charge Conference

Broadway's Church Conference is scheduled for **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30pm**. [Click here](#) to join by video. To join by phone in Chicago: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 856 2333 0762 and password: 856007. The zoom information is also on our website.

Book Study: "Me and White Supremacy"

While there is not much we can offer in the building right now, the Ministry Advocates (lay leadership of the church) have decided to virtually study together a book by Layla Saad, titled "*Me and White Supremacy*." If you have another book suggestion, or if you would like to start a book study group, please let [Satia Orange](#) know.

Interested in more announcements? [Sign up for our weekly eNews here](#) (or on our website).