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PRELUDE: "Carol of the Bells" (Traditional Ukrainian Carol)

[Robert Galbreath, Jr. piano]

Welcome

OPENING PRAYER

God-Among-Us, in and through these bodies of ours, your presence moves. In our touch and our tears. In the ways we depend on each other for life. In every practice of care, you take on flesh. That you could be so close as our own breath, our own bodies, our own being can be difficult for us to believe. Help us in our unbelief. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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

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

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

TIME FOR PRAYER

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 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.

HYMN: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

[Robert Galbreath, Jr., piano; Gaby Vargas, flute; David Cooper, French horn]

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

[recited by Charolette Lill]

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.]

Forsaking dominance and control, the power of Christ comes to us as a force of love: Nurturing transformation. Growing change like seeds. Building justice through community. Through these gifts of God, we break cycles of power that deceive and destroy. For the grace that makes it possible, let us share what we have with each other in thanks.



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 One, in a weary-making world, you do not ask of us perfection. You do not bear judgment against our messiness, our trauma, or our unresolved pain. Your love is a companion to our vulnerabilities, a friend to the parts of us struggling or ashamed. With thanks for your compassionate presence along paths of healing, we bring all we have and all we are. Amen.

HYMN: "What a Mighty God We Serve"

BENEDICTION

On this winding journey of life, our destination is neither perfection nor any idolized ideal. It is simply a return to our selves. Each other. The land. And God's dreams of collective flourishing. With hearts wide open to surprising encounters along the way, glimpses of divinity enfleshed around us and within us, may we go in the confidence that the love of God precedes us. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" (traditional Spiritual) [Robert Galbreath, Jr., piano]

BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Fellowship Time

Join us at **11:45am today** for online Fellowship Time on Zoom. To join Fellowship Time by phone in Chicago: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter meeting ID: 489 148 569 and password: 290727.

Back to Zoom!!

Starting next Sunday, January 10th, we will return to Online Worship at 11am on Zoom. To join by phone in Chicago: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter meeting ID: 489 148 569 and password: 290727. (same Zoom link we have been using for Fellowship Time recently)

Mitten Tree

We have a Mitten Tree outside our building, inviting the community to **ADD items if they can**, **and take anything they might NEED!** We invite you to contribute also. Feel free to bring your donations of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens or socks whenever you can and add them to the tree. **Socks are especially needed. Items should be NEW and put in plastic bags to protect them from the weather.** And while you are thinking of it, pick up a can or two of non-perishable food items and donate that to our Community Food Pantry!

January Mission Minute: Heifer International

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. Dan West was a farmer from the American Midwest and member of the Church of the Brethren who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. His mission was to provide relief, but he soon discovered the meager single cup of milk rationed to the weary refugees once a day was not enough. And then he had a thought: What if they had not a cup, but a cow? That "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove West to found Heifer International. And now, nearly 70 years later, that philosophy still inspires our work to end world hunger and poverty throughout the world once and for all.. More information about Heifer International can be found at heifer.org. Visit our donation page to give. (Indicate Mission Minute in memo.)

Quick Links for Worship

If you are willing to **assist in worship by reading** our Centering Words, Opening Prayer, Offering Invitation/Prayer, or Scripture, please sign up here.

Stewardship 2021: New Beginnings

By completing and returning a pledge card, you are expressing your intent and affirming your desire to honor God with your resources. Returning your pledge card makes it possible for our church to plan and implement ministries without hesitation. Knowing your plans allows wise management of resources throughout the year. All ministries our church implements are dependent on the generosity of God's people. You may print and fill out a pledge card, fill out a pledge form online, or contact the church office and let us know your 2021 pledge.

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

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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