

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEW BEGINNINGS 2021

Festival Service

June 27, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Celebrating

Pride

Sunday

Who you are is beautiful.

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

CENTERING WORDS: "They will say you're useless if they can't use you." ~ Marty Rubin

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (J.G. Nägeli; arr. L. Mason)

(Timothy Barnes)

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Living God, partner with us as we gather to attend to our inner lives. With the optics of solidarity swirling around us, help us show up for one another's actual needs. When we lose our way in abstractions and concepts, Spirit, ground us. Illuminate the next step so we might see how to be present to ourselves and one another. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: "Word of Welcome"

sung to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D; words by David R. Weiss, 2003

**In this holy place we gather, claimed through grace by God above;
Heaven's wings now wrap around us, downy depths of boundless love.
Freed from fears that keep us hidden, for the work that You desire.
Reconciling as we're bidden, hearts aflame with joyful fire.**

**Earth in all her verdant beauty sings Your joy made manifest;
Winged and finned and scaled and limbed life; fruitful frenzy, quiet rest.
Rushing wind and roiling waters, green of forest, blue of sky,
Dark of night and dawn of morning, all give praise to You on high.**

**As by imprint nature offers witness to Your gracious care
So in freedom's faith we follow after Christ if we but dare.**

**Rushing wind of Spirit able, blowing from the most to least
From the font and for the table, born again and bid to feast.**

**Word of welcome walk among us, watching as these wineskins burst
Breaking bread and pouring wine for all who hunger, all who thirst.
Now as we go forth to scatter, may Your presence yet abide
Joy of life and Love of justice, be our Wisdom and our Guide.**

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!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Judges 4:4-5, 9, 16-22 (Inclusive Bible)

At this time the prophet Deborah, who was married to Lappidoth, was the governor of Israel. She held court under Deborah's Palm between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim. The Israelites came to her for arbitration..."Very well, I will go with you," she replied, "but then you won't have the honor of victory from this battle—for YHWH will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman!"...Barak pursued Sisera's chariots and army as far as Harosheth Haggoyim. Sisera's troops were put to the sword. No one survived the encounter. While this was happening, Sisera found refuge in the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, because Jabin the ruler of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kinite were on friendly terms. Jael stepped outside the tent to meet Sisera, saying, "Enter, sir! Come in, and have no fear." Sisera entered the tent and Jael hid him under a blanket. He said, "I am thirsty. Give me a drink of water." She opened a skin of milk and gave him some to drink, then covered him once more. "Stand in the tent entrance," he said. "If anyone comes and asks whether a man is here, tell them No." The exhausted Sisera immediately fell into a deep sleep. Then Jael took a tent peg, picked up a mallet, and crept closely to the general and drove the peg through his temple and into the ground, killing him. When Barak came by searching for the fugitive, Jael went out to greet him, and said, "Come, I will show you the person you seek." So he entered the tent after her and found Sisera dead with a tent peg through his temple.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:7-13 (Inclusive Bible)

When the day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb was to be sacrificed, Jesus sent Peter and John out with the instructions, "Go and make the preparations for us to eat the Passover." They asked, "Where do you want us to prepare the seder?" Jesus answered, "When you enter the city, a man will meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house he enters. Say to the owner of the house, 'The Rabbi asks, "Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover seder with my disciples?"'" The owner will show you a large furnished upper room. Make the preparations there." They went out and found everything as Jesus had told them. And they prepared the Passover.

This is the Word of God for all of God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: John 21:20-23 (Inclusive Bible)

Peter turned around and noticed that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them—the one who had leaned over during the supper and asked, "Rabbi, which one will hand you over?" Seeing him, Peter was prompted to ask, "But what about him, Rabbi?" Jesus replied, "If I want him to stay behind until I come, what does it matter to you? You're to follow me." This is

how the rumor spread among the sisters and brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus had not said to Peter, "He won't die," but rather, "If I want him to stay behind until I come, what does it matter to you?"

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

[Aelijah Lynch]

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A LITANY OF TRUST IN GOD

In the many silences of the heart, O God, when feeling is beyond saying, Your faithful people everywhere wait upon Your Spirit. In the silence of joy—when a baby is born, when a sunset blazes, when a loved one is restored to health, when peace replaces strife—

In our joy, we wait upon You, O God. We give You thanks and praise.

In the silence of sorrow—when love is lost, when pain is too constant a companion, when time brings change that is hard to bear, when death seems victorious—

In our sorrow, we wait upon You, O God. You alone are our rock and our refuge.

In the silence of anger—when justice is postponed until tomorrow, when violence shatters body and soul, when prejudice sets neighbor against neighbor, when no one will listen—

In our anger, we wait upon You, O God. Teach us the ways of justice and mercy.

Let us put our trust where it belongs, not in our positions of power or wealth, for such things are lighter than breath.

In our joy, our sorrow, our anger, we trust in God's unfailing love and guidance. We rely upon the blessing of being a community of faith, a Church universal. Siblings of all colors, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities, we are one in Christ! Together, let us wait upon the God of our salvation!

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.

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.]

Let us follow in the path of our countercultural teachers who attended to the community with creativity and dignity. Let us bring forth our offerings with gratitude for the lineage of wise people who have gone before us, who called us family, and taught us what it feels like to be seen and heard.



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

Radical One, may our offerings be blessed not to serve our ego, but to meet the needs of the collective—nourishment, housing, education, healthcare, safety, bodily self-determination. Forgive us for when we deem someone outside the bounds of healing, that is not our call to make and reflects the parts of ourselves we have yet to heal. In your Wholeness we pray, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Us to Openness" sung to "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain; words by The Rev. W. Robert Martin, III
dedicated to the faithful ministry of More Light Presbyterians

**Guide us to openness, Spirit of mercy,
Aid us in seeking God's justice and grace.
Move us to show Christ's compassion through witness,
Love first to offer and hate to erase.
Guide us to openness! Guide us to openness!
Let no one ever be shunned or denied.
Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,
That all who seek You may come and abide.**

**Spirit of tenderness, impart Your presence,
Fill both our hearts and our hands with Your care.
Let no one suffer or grieve unattended,
Grant us Your kindness and warmth here to share.
Guide us to openness! Guide us to openness!
Let no one ever be shunned or denied.
Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,
That all who seek You may come and abide.**

**Though there are those who would limit Christ's graces,
Still we refuse to believe in such lies,
For in this time we have made a commitment
Never to limit love's power or size.
Guide us to openness! Guide us to openness!
Let no one ever be shunned or denied.
Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,
That all who seek You may come and abide.**

BENEDICTION

Go forth: neighbor, sibling, sage, caregiver, comrade, lean into the lushness of your own belonging, that you might widen your web of chosen family through ordinary acts of Love. Go forth and love as God loves us! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "I Must Tell Jesus" (Robert Galbreath, Jr.)

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**Liturgy** adapted from [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com). **A Litany of Trust in God** (adapted) written by Rev. Ann B. Day. Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God's Grace in an Inclusive Church. Edited by Kelly Turney, Reconciling Congregation Program, 2000.

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**Welcome Aelijah!** Aelijah Lynch, aka Tonks, is a former student pastor for Broadway United Methodist Church. They earned their MDiv degree in 2017, and since then took to learning radical hospitality through the hospitality industry, bartending everywhere from downtown to Andersonville. This fall they will be returning to school to become a licensed therapist.

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BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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](#).

Monthly Financial Update

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
First Quarter	\$41,312.03	\$53,278.87	(\$11,966.84)
April 2021	\$14,721.40	\$17,629.92	(\$2,908.52)
May 2021	\$13,974.40	\$19,407.96	(\$5,433.56)
YTD	\$70,007.83	\$90,316.75	(\$20,308.92)

2021 Stewardship: 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 what you are pledging for 2021.

June Mission Minute: CLASP

CLASP: Chicago LGBT Asylum Support Partners. This non-for profit was begun about 10 years ago to lend support to new immigrants who have arrived in the US to find a safer space and place to live than their home country where often sexual discrimination can be as serious as death. The entry to a

new country is not easy especially when seeking asylum. The legal process is very complicated and intimidating and during these months and sometimes years, CLASP lends financial support in providing transportation passes, helping with basic needs and if needed some housing and legal help until the recipient can find work. CLASP is not a part of Broadway Church but former pastor Lois Parr was one of the original organizers and over the years several Broadway members have been a part of the steering committee, as well as our Pastor Alka. This is not a large organization but the help and support is meaningful and the stories of discrimination tear the heart. Please visit [Broadway's donation page](#) to read more about our Mission Minutes and how to give.

Community Food Pantry

The events of the last year have affected us all differently and as we begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel, many are still struggling. The Community Food Pantry outside BUMC is there for anyone in need but it's often EMPTY! We invite all who are able to pick up a few items next time you're at the grocery store and drop them off in our Community Food Pantry!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill

Suggested items: canned meat or other protein items (tuna, salmon, chicken), crackers, peanut butter, canned soups and stews, canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans, pasta, rice, olive oil or Canola oil, powdered milk, spices (salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion salt, oregano, etc.), granola bars, applesauce, nuts, instant mashed potatoes.

Items to Skip: items that have to be refrigerated, items with glass packaging, items that need special equipment to open (pop-top cans are the best!), items that require too many extra ingredients, items that are expired, items that are homemade or have already been opened.

Looking Ahead: Pride Parade on Sunday, October 3, 2021

The parade kicks off at noon on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at Montrose Avenue and Broadway in Uptown and ends near the intersection of Diversey Parkway and Sheridan Road in Lincoln Park.

The roar of the crowd heralds the start of the Pride Parade, a dazzling cavalcade of diversity. The streets are lined 12 people deep as 750,000 people cheer the contingents on and enjoy the show, culture and experience! For the liveliest viewing spots head to North Halsted Street, between Belmont Avenue and Grace Street. If you are seeking a less crowded area to view the parade, look for your viewing spots near the beginning of the route along Broadway between Montrose Avenue and Sheridan Road or further along Broadway between Belmont Avenue and Diversey Parkway.

Transit information is available at transitchicago.com/prideparade. Buy your fare in advance to avoid long lines or use Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Samsung Pay to tap on to a bus or train. Avoid driving, Lyft, Uber, or Via. [Facebook event here](#).

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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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