

# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## *Festival Service*

July 4, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

*NEW BEGINNINGS 2021*

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### CENTERING WORDS

"When I am afraid to speak is when I speak. That is when it is most important."

~ Nayyirah Waheed

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

(Timothy Barnes)

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

Nonbinary God, our perception of the Sacred around and within us is warped by genderism, classism, anti-Blackness, ableism, and fatphobia: liberate our cumulative patterns, our relationships, and our spirits. May we notice how aliveness, connection, and belonging feel in our beloved bodies that we may celebrate the life we have with one another. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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### 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

### TIME FOR PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (Inclusive Bible)

I know someone who fourteen years ago was caught up in the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—only God knows. And I know that this person—whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know, only God knows—was caught up to paradise to hear words that cannot be uttered, words that no one may speak. About this person I will boast, but I will do no boasting about myself, unless it be about my weaknesses. And even if I were to boast, it wouldn't be foolish of me, because I am speaking the truth. But I refrain, so that no one will think more of me than is justified by what I do or say. Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, in order to keep me from coming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh—a messenger of Satan to beat me—to keep me from exalting myself! Three times I begged God that it might leave me. And God said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I would rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. So I am content with weakness, with mistreatment, with distress, with persecutions and difficulties for the sake of Christ; when I am powerless, it is then that I am strong.

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

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13 (Inclusive Bible)

After leaving there, Jesus came into his own town, followed by the disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and the many listeners were astonished and said, "Where did he learn all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted, and these miracles that are performed by his hands? Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses and Judah and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" They found these things to be stumbling blocks. Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometowns and among their own relatives and in their own households." And he could work no miracles there, apart from laying his hands upon a few sick people and healing them; their lack of faith astounded him. He made the rounds of the neighboring villages instead, and spent the time teaching. Then Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs, giving them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts. They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare tunic." And Jesus said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you leave it, shake off the dust from the soles of your feet as a testimony against them." And so they set off, proclaiming repentance as they went. They cast out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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

#### MESSAGE

[Rev. Alka Lyall]

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### 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.]*

The Spirit does not dominate or coerce. They caress, They unfold, They come alongside, They ask permission. Let us move as the Spirit teaches us: tenderly and with care, bringing our offerings to each other and to God.



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](https://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](mailto:bumclakeview@gmail.com)), or **text** the amount you wish to donate to 833-990-2149.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of our ancestors—people, plant, animal, and mineral—we dedicate our offerings to our shared thriving, knowing that individualism is a lie that keeps us in misery. Forgive us when we hide our struggles because we are attached to public perception. Bless us when we share our burdens, for it is in our togetherness that we mirror the divine. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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#### BENEDICTION

Thank God we have each other! That we can connect in our earthy bodies on this curvy landscape of existence, that we can gaze at the stars and dream into being the compassionate realities we desperately desire. Beloveds, let us go forth, as interdependent parts of the beautiful, heartbreaking whole—it is for freedom we set one another free. May it be so!

POSTLUDE: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

(Robert Galbreath, Jr.)

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*Liturgy adapted from [enfleshed.com](https://enfleshed.com).*

## BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### 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.

### July Mission Minute: [The Middle East Children's Alliance](#) (MECA for Peace)

MECA was founded in 1988, and its mission is "to protect the rights and improve the lives of children in the Middle East through aid, empowerment and education. In the Middle East, MECA provides humanitarian aid, partners with community organizations to run projects for children, and supports income-generation projects. In the US and internationally, MECA raises awareness about the lives of children in the region and encourages meaningful action." BUMC began supporting MECA for Peace in 2013, with a donation for their Maia Water Project, which helps install new water purification and desalination units were installed in pre-schools, elementary, and middle schools in Gaza.



This year, MECA's work is even more crucial. Families in Gaza are in need of your urgent support! Eleven days of brutal Israeli attacks in Gaza killed hundreds of people, injured more than a thousand, and displaced tens of thousands.



MECA was the first organization to bring food to families in the shelters and after asking what else they needed, went back with water and hygiene supplies. Though a ceasefire is in effect, there is still so much work to be done. Donations to MECA will ensure that they can continue to provide fresh water, as well as hygiene kits, food, clothing continuing to respond to the most urgent needs of children and families in Gaza.

Understanding Gaza: Gaza is a small area, approximately 141 sq. miles, one of the most densely populated in the world. Of the 2,047,969 million total population (from 2020), an estimated 1.6 million are refugees; almost half the population are children under the age of 18. There are 8 refugee camps, and only 274 schools for over 278,000 students. Israel has separated Gaza from the remaining areas of occupied Palestine, the West Bank and Jerusalem, by the separation barrier and by taking control of large swathes of Palestinian land as a "buffer zone." Gaza has been held under siege by Israel since 2006. It is estimated that less than 4% of the water is drinkable, and Gazans often have less than 4 hours of electricity a day. See [this infographic](#) from Association of International Development Agencies. More Actions: Shop Palestine with MECA [www.shoppalestine.org](http://www.shoppalestine.org) for clothing, beautiful handmade ceramics, and quite possibly one of the best Black-Palestine solidarity t-shirts honoring Paul Robeson. Take legislative action: call your US Rep and ask them to co-sponsor HR2590, the [Palestinian Children and Families Act](#). HR2590 seeks to promote justice, equality and human rights for Palestinian children and families by prohibiting Israeli authorities from using U.S. taxpayer funds to detain and torture Palestinian children, demolish and seize Palestinian homes, and further annex Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank.

Please visit [Broadway's donation page](#) to read more about our Mission Minutes and how to give.

## Lake North District Meet & Greet via Zoom

Join Rev. Brittany Isaac, Lake North District Superintendent, on Zoom for a meet and greet!

**Wednesday, July 14 @ 5 pm and Tuesday, July 20 @ 6 pm.**

[Zoom link here](#). Meeting ID: 843 8856 4449, Passcode: 948380

## 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](https://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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