

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Festival Service

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

NEW BEGINNINGS 2021

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

PRELUDE: "My Lord, What a Morning" (traditional Spiritual)

(Robert Galbreath, Jr.)

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God, when words spoken to ourselves, each other, and our planet home are threaded with language of "power-over," undo the stitching. Weave a new way within us, that we might have the courage to partner with you in the ways of radical love. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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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

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (Inclusive Bible)

David again called up all the warriors of Israel and picked 30,000 elite fighters. Then David and the whole force set out for Ba'alath in Judah to return the Ark of God, which bears the name of YHWH who sits enthroned above the cherubim. The Ark of God was placed on a new cart and removed from the house of Abinadab on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio walked before it, while David and all the people of Israel celebrated to their hearts' content before YHWH, with songs, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals...David went down and brought the Ark up from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When the bearers of the Ark of YHWH took their first six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fatted calf. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before YHWH with all his might, while he and his whole house of Israel brought up the Ark of YHWH with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the Ark entered the City of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked down through the window and saw David leaping and dancing before YHWH, and his display disgusted her. The Ark of the Covenant was brought in and set in its place within the tent David had set up for it. Then David made burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH. Finishing the burnt offerings and peace offerings, the ruler blessed the people in the name of YHWH. Then he distributed among the people of Israel present—to each [person]—a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins. And all the people returned to their homes.

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

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:14-29 (Inclusive Bible)

Meanwhile Herod, the ruler of Judea, had heard about Jesus, whose reputation had become widespread. Some people were saying, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead, and that is why such miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah"; still others, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." When Herod heard of Jesus, he exclaimed, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen from the dead!" Now it was Herod who had ordered John arrested, chained and imprisoned on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom Herod had married. For John had told Herod, "It is against the Law for you to have your brother's wife." As for Herodias, she was furious with John and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be good and holy, and kept him in custody. When Herod heard John speak he was very much disturbed; yet he was moved by John's words. Herodias had her chance one day when Herod on his birthday held a dinner for the court circle, military officers and leaders of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, this delighted Herod and the guests so much that he told the young woman, "Ask me anything you like and I will give it to you." And Herod swore an oath, "I will give you anything you ask, even half of my entire realm!" She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" Herodias replied, "The head of John the Baptizer." The woman hurried back to Herod and made her request: "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptizer on a platter." Herod was deeply distressed by this request, but remembering the oath he swore before the guests, he was reluctant to break his oath to her. So Herod immediately sent one of the bodyguards with orders to bring John's head. The guard beheaded John in prison, then brought the head in on a platter and gave it to the young woman, who gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about this, they came and took the body away and laid it in a tomb.


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

MISSION MINUTE: "Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA)" (see announcements for more info)

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 we feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the world's suffering, may we remember to be where we are—these people, this community, this heart in this chest, this ground under our feet. So the needs of the here and now might be met with compassion, let us bring what we have to God and each other.



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, do not let us fritter away our lives or shared resources on that which bolsters our egos. Grant us wisdom to invest in our communal flourishing. Bless our offerings and bless our actions. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Be Glorified" TFWS #2150

BENEDICTION

Sacred Ones, can you feel the rhythmic lure inviting us to join the dance of another way? Let us move our beloved bodies to the sounds of solidarity, let us twirl in the song that undoes systems of violence, let us reach our hands out, saying join me, dance with me. We are creating the kingdom of God here and now. Go into the world—and keep the dance going. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "You Turned My Mourning into Dancing" (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](#).

## Summer Sermons

Rev. Alka has been thinking of changing her sermon focus, from lectionary to asking you: what do you want her to preach on? [Share with her your topic, question or comment here](#), and she will try to prepare a sermon series based on your suggestions for the summer.

## Lake North District Meet & Greet via Zoom

Starting July 1st we have been restructured from six Districts into five. We used to be part of the Chicago: Northwestern District, but now we are in the Lake North District. Our District Superintendent will continue to be Brittany Issac. Reconfiguration also means that several new churches have been added to our District. As a way to begin this new journey, our District has prepared a couple videos to describe the 69 churches and give us a glimpse of each of them. Here is one we share for you to enjoy: [VIDEO – LAKE NORTH DISTRICT](#)

In addition, the District is also planning and **meet and greet on Wednesday, July 14 @ 5 pm and Tuesday, July 20 @ 6 pm**. [Zoom link here](#). Meeting ID: 843 8856 4449, Passcode: 948380

## Volunteers Needed for Belmont Sheffield Music Festival

Friends now that the city is open, the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce is bringing back the festivals. We have been asked if we can provide volunteers for the Belmont Sheffield Music Fest. Is anyone available to offer a few hours (you don't have to work all day) of their day on any of these days: **July 16-18**? Having worked in the past, I know we get some benefits AND the church gets some easy revenue!!! [Let Pastor Alka know](#) if you can support the church and the city.

| Month          | Income      | Expenses     | Difference    |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| First Quarter  | \$41,312.03 | \$53,278.87  | (\$11,966.84) |
| Second Quarter | \$42,791.65 | \$54,789.38  | (\$11,997.73) |
| YTD            | \$84,103.68 | \$108,068.25 | (\$23,964.57) |

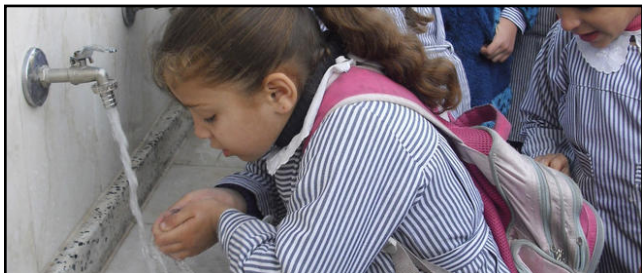
## Monthly Financial Update

### 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.

## 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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