

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Festival Service

July 18, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS 2021

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

CENTERING WORDS:

"It's not about self-care—it's about collective care. Collective care means shifting our organizations to be ones where people feel fine if they get sick, cry, have needs, start late because the bus broke down, move slower, ones where there's food at meetings, people work from home—and these aren't things we apologize for... Where we actually care for each other and don't leave each other behind."

~ Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha, *Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(Timothy Barnes)

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, accompany us no matter our state of mind; meet us, no matter the quality of our mood. Shore up our courage when we feel like we might surrender to life-draining patterns. Bolster our creativity when we feel stuck in old ways. In your steadfast name we pray, **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: "From the Rising of the Sun"

Worship & Song #3041

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.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (Inclusive Bible)

The apostles came back to Jesus and reported all that they had done and taught. Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to someplace more remote, and rest awhile." For there were many people coming and going, and the apostles hadn't had time to eat. So they went away in a boat to a deserted area. The people saw them leaving and many recognized them, so they ran together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of the apostles. When Jesus went ashore, there was a large crowd waiting for him, and he felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things...After crossing the lake, Jesus and the disciples came ashore at Gennesaret and tied up their boat there. No sooner had they stepped out of the boat than people recognized Jesus. The crowds started hurrying about the countryside and brought the sick on stretchers wherever Jesus went. Wherever he appeared—in villages, in towns or in the countryside—they laid down the sick in the open places, begging him to let them touch just the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched Jesus got well.

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

MESSAGE: "A Call to Heal"

[Jarell Wilson]

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.]

Do you remember when, as if by sheer miracle, another met your need with kindness? Can you recall a time when you were able to offer what you had to ease another's suffering or to welcome their delight? What relief, what peace, what a sense of "this is why we are here." In this spirit of miraculous interdependence, we bring our offerings to each other and 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 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

God Help us! Our healers need a break! May those of us who can, sub in for the weary. May those of us who need rest, be supported and encouraged. Radical and Rested One, bless our shared resources to the rejuvenation of our healers and to the creation of new ways that honor our sacred rest. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Together We Serve"

The Faith We Sing # 2175

BENEDICTION

Beloveds, When ruthless systems take and take, we will not give into despair. We will spread out blankets for one another, so we can nap. Out of an overflow of Love, we will organize and say: no more! We will remain steadfast in our faith that new heavens can abound here and now where exhaustion is no more and rest is ripe as rain. Let us go, and do likewise! **Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

(Timothy Barnes)

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



**Welcome Jarell!** Jarell Wilson is a minister by training from Austin, TX now living in Detroit. A dog and cat parent, and a scholar of Beyoncé. They can be found playing Animal Crossing, reading too much about the US federal government's budget, and drinking sweet tea. Jarell is a former RMN board member, a former candidate for ordained ministry in the UMC, and a current spiritual nomad.

## 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 a **meet and greet on Tuesday, July 20 @ 6 pm**. [Zoom link here](#). Meeting ID: 843 8856 4449, Passcode: 948380

## Tentative Re-Opening on Sunday, August 1st

We have a 'tentative' plan to start in-person worship in August. **If all goes well, then on August 1st we will have a celebration 'hybrid' worship followed by a picnic.** If you will join us on worship that day—[let us know](#), so we have enough food for all.

## Monthly Financial Update

| 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) |

## 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](http://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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