



GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"Lean On Me" (Bill Withers)

**Sometimes in our life, we all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow
Lean on me, when you're not strong And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on**

[chorus:] You just call on me brother when you need a hand.

We all need somebody to lean on.

I just might have a problem that you'll understand.

We all need somebody to lean on.

*[coda:] If there is a load that you have to bear that you can't carry
I'm right up the road, and I'll share your load, if you just call me. [repeat chorus]*

"How Great is Our God" (Chris Tomlin)

How great is our God! How great is our God! How great, how great is our God!

"Waymaker" (Osinachi Okoro)

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, working in this place, I worship you, I worship you.

[chorus:] You are waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness.

My God, that is who you are. [repeat chorus]

You are here, touching every heart, I worship you, I worship you.

You are here, healing every heart, I worship you, I worship you.

[coda:] Even when I don't see it, you're working.

Even when I don't feel it, you're working.

You never stop, you never stop working.

You never stop, you never stop working. [repeat chorus]

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

"Go Make a Difference" (Steve Angrisano)

Go make a difference, we can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

(see below)

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est

clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White
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*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we confess that we struggle to forgive, and we struggle to create space for forgiveness to happen. We expect others to pardon our faults without also attending to our own need to repent. We demand forgiveness from others instead of recognizing forgiveness as a gift we give to one another and that we receive from you. May this time of worship free us to joyfully extend mercy and grace to one another, to set and respect boundaries with one another, and to receive from you the love and wisdom we need to grow as the community of Christ. **Amen.**

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

[Please use the QR code to mark your presence with us this morning.]

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!



PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MUSIC MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came up and asked Jesus, "When a [sibling] wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?" "No," Jesus replied, "not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven. And here's why. The kingdom of heaven is like a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal officials. When the audit was begun, one was brought in who owed tens of millions of dollars. As the debtor had no way of paying, the ruler ordered this official to be sold, along with family and property, in payment of the debt. At this, the official bowed down in homage and said, 'I beg you, your highness, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full!' Moved with pity, the ruler let the official go and wrote off the debt. Then that same official went out and met a colleague who owed the official twenty dollars. The official seized and throttled this debtor with the demand, 'Pay back what you owe me!' The debtor dropped to the ground and began to plead, 'Just give me time and I will pay you back in full!' But the official would hear none of it, and instead had the colleague put in debtor's prison until the money was paid. When the other officials saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and went to the ruler, reporting the entire incident. The ruler sent for the official and said, 'You worthless wretch! I cancelled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your colleague, as I dealt with you?' Then in anger, the ruler handed the official over to be tortured until the debt had been paid in full. My Abba in heaven will treat you exactly the same way unless you truly forgive your [siblings] from your hearts."

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "God, How Can We Forgive "

(see page 6)

MESSAGE

Rev. Miranda Denler

TIME FOR OFFERING

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. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. To give online, scan the QR code at right or visit us at BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give.

Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!]



*THE DOXOLOGY [You are invited to sing the Doxology in the language of your heart.]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor
Y al eterno Consolador Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy—every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ’s name, who gave all. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Freely, Freely” (see page 7)

*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, go from this place with a posture of forgiveness, leading and being led by the grace that saves us into right relationship with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Freely we have received, freely let us give! **Amen.**

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BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Access our **website** with the QR code to the left.

Subscribe to our **Weekly E-News** with use the QR code to the right.



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! See our giving page on our website for suggested items/items to skip.

If you are **willing to assist in worship by reading** our Offering Invitation/Prayer, or Scripture, **providing special music** such as solos, duets, groups on vocals and/or instruments, or **assisting with media**, please use this QR code.



We have a **clothes collection box** on the Southeast corner of our parking lot, serviced by the GAIA movement. Please share this information with your friends and invite them to leave their donations in the collection box instead of our front door!

September Mission Minute: Children's Defense Fund (CDF). CDF began working with Garrett Seminary to support a movement toward a theology of child well-being grounded in the contextual reality of children and youth in the Chicagoland area, establishing the field within theological higher education and creating conditions for children and youth to thrive. For more info, go to childrensdefense.org. To donate, go to BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give.

Rev. Alka is out of the country from September 5-28 for vacation. Please direct all pastoral care needs during this time to Lee Rollins (lee.rollins@cts-chicago.edu), Lou Pence (loupence@gmail.com) or Rev. Miranda Denler (mimi2005@msn.com; 312-544-9418).

This Week — September 18-23, 2023

BUMC's Social Justice Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm. Together, we are discerning how to share love's promise in our community. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, September 18th at 7pm**. Scan QR code for zoom link.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for our **Online Bible Study**. You can access the Zoom link on our events page: <https://broadwaychurchchicago.com/events>.

Join us Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:30pm to **sing through the hymns for the upcoming Sunday service**. All are welcome! No auditions required, only a willingness to lift up God's Name in song! Questions? Contact Robert Galbreath at ziggy6870@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

Our **Fall Sermon Series, "Seven Deadly Sins,"** will begin on Sunday, September 24th. See flyer for details.

Join Coffee, Hip-Hop & Mental Health on Sunday, September 24 for **The Yellow Walk for Suicide Prevention**. This event serves as a fundraiser for their free therapy program. You may register at TheYellowWalk.com.

Chicago Temple invites you to join a **grief support group**, led by one of their Stephen's Ministers and Deb Hill, starting Monday, September 25th. More information at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/173853>.

Broadway's yearly Church Conference will be on Monday, October 2nd, at 7pm with Holy Covenant UMC.

Join us on Sunday, October 8th, following worship, for a **Fall Cleaning Day**. Lunch will be provided!

Our **Annual Blessing of the Pets** will be on Sunday, October 8th, at 2pm. See flyer for details.

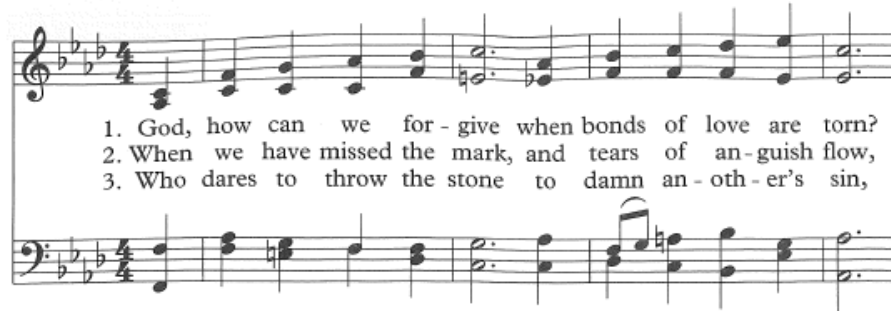
There will be a **Memorial Service for George Banks** on Saturday, October 14th at 11am. It will be a hybrid event so people can join in person or online. Zoom details will be provided closer to the event.

In the next few weeks, Chicago City Council will debate and vote on a proposal that will deliver dedicated resources to address the affordability crisis and house thousands of families experiencing homelessness. That's what **Bring Chicago Home** is all about: building thriving neighborhoods where everyone can count on a stable, secure, and permanent place to live. **Help pass this proposal to fund permanent housing by writing your Alder today.** Once you add your contact information (scan QR code), you'll be offered some language to help you get started with an email to your Alder. Feel free to adapt it, or simply thank them for their support or ask them to vote yes to Bring Chicago Home!

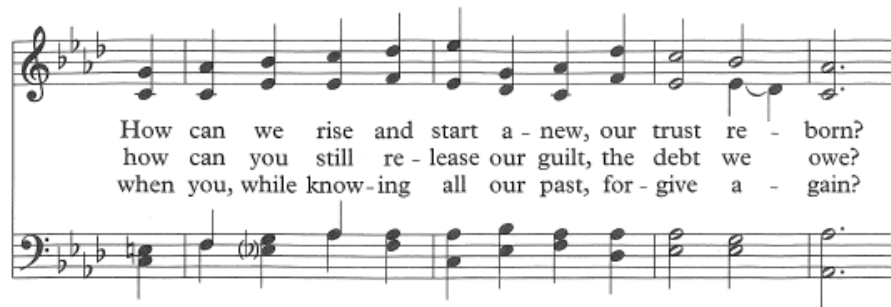


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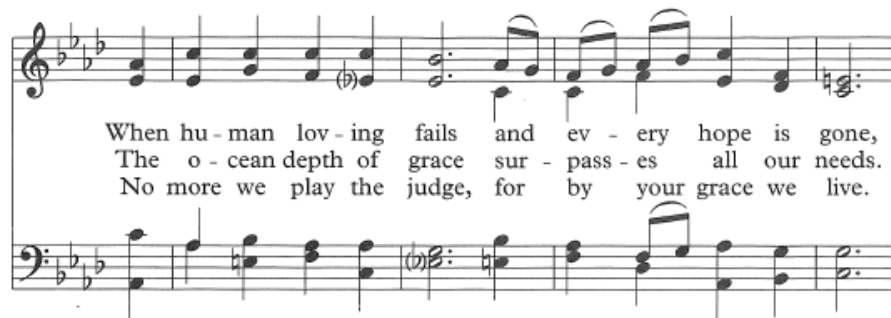
God, How Can We Forgive



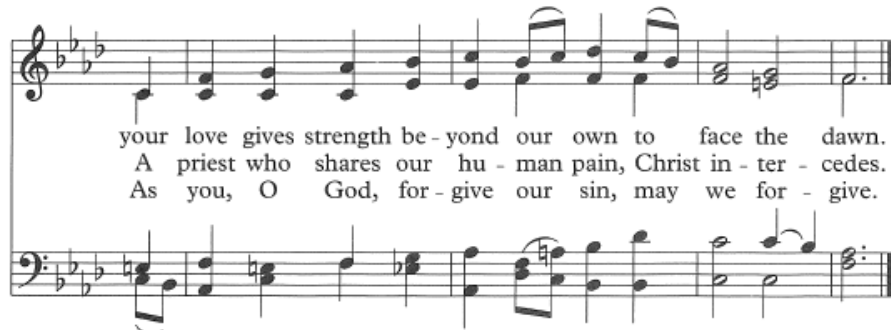
1. God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
 3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (Matt. 6:12-15; 18:21-35; John 8:2-11)

MUSIC: Hebrew melody, *Sacred Harmony*; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, alt.

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Freely, Freely

Sing verse 1
and then
sing refrain
several
times.

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been
2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -

cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

WORDS: Carol Owens, 1972 (Mt. 10:8; 28:18-20)
MUSIC: Carol Owens, 1972

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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."

This week's office hours:

Tuesday	September 19	9:30am-1:30pm
Wednesday	September 20	9:30am-1:30pm
Thursday	September 21	9:30am-1:30pm

For the most up to date information, please visit BroadwayChurchChicago.com/calendar.

Need to stop by at a different time?
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