

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

January 13, 2019

Welcome! Please see the pew card "Welcome to Worship" for more information on our services.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Through the waters of baptism, God calls us to wade into the way of the Sacred.

In community, we are claimed as beloved and invited into new life.

The waters are sometimes calm, flowing slowly and easily.

They remind us who we are, together. God delights in us.

The waters are sometimes swiftly moving.

They lead us in the direction of justice, with urgency and peace.

The waters are sometimes raging.

They beckon us to live courageously, to choose practices of radical Love even as evil looms.

Through all of life's changes and challenges, the promises of God uphold us. We are claimed, eternally, as kin in Christ.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, just as you took on flesh to live in solidarity with the suffering, so you call upon us to do so with and for each other. Help us to listen to what is asked of us and to speak of what we need. Guide us, O God, in the direction of meaningful actions that flow from rich relationship that we might truly live in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

(Please check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC, wifi password is 7733482679, and pass the friendship pads to register your attendance and any updated contact information.)

Welcome to worship, God's beloved! YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidas!

Bold type indicates congregational response.

^{*} Please rise, in body or in spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, hear the word of YHWH—the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the seas, I will be with you; when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown. Walk through fire, and you will not be singed; walk through flames and you will not be burned. I am YHWH, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer. I give Egypt as ransom for you, Nubia and Seba in exchange for you. You are more precious to me than Assyria; you are honored, and I love you. I will give people in exchange for you, whole nations in exchange for your life. Have no fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east and gather them from the west. To the north I will say, "Give them up!" and to the south, "Do not hold them back! Bring my daughters and sons from afar, return them from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my Name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made!"

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Wade in the Water" FS 2107

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful, God, hear our prayer!

Loving God, we give you thanks!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29

Give glory to YHWH, you heavenly court, give YHWH glory and strength!

Give forth the glory that God's Name deserves, and worship YHWH in the splendor of holiness!

The voice of YHWH resounds over the waters; the God of glory thunders over the raging seas.

God's voice is powerful, God's voice is full of majesty.

The voice of YHWH snaps the cedars, shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

It makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of YHWH strikes with bolts of lightning; the voice of YHWH shakes the wilderness, the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of God twists the oaks, and strips the forests bare; and in God's Temple all cry, "Glory!"

YHWH sits in judgment over the flood; YHWH is its Ruler forever.

Give strength to your people, YHWH! Bless your people with peace!

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: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down to these people and prayed that they would receive the Holy Spirit. She had not yet come down upon any of them, since they had only been baptized in the name of Jesus. Upon arriving, the pair laid hands on the Samaritans and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

REFLECTION: "Crossing Over" Judy Siaba

MISSION MINUTE: JFON and The Night Ministry [see announcements]

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.]

By the waters of baptism, we are made family. We argue together. We weep together. We rejoice together. We share together the fullness of our lives—all we have, all we are. In order to enflesh the dreams of God, we need each other. Come, let us bring our offerings.

[You are invited to sing in one of these languages or in the language of your heart.]

[Español:] A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor Y al eterno Consolador Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

[English:] Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you have called us to join you on a wild endeavor. The way is not easy but your promises endure. In gratitude for your companionship with us, your presence that manifests justice, leads us in the direction of life, and comforts us when the losses are many, receive these offerings. Bless them to the work of Kin-dom. Amen.

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Friends, God has assured us:

When we pass through the waters, God is with us.

When we walk through the fires, we will not be consumed.

When through the raging rivers we go, we shall not be overwhelmed.

Whatever trouble comes our way because of our commitment to love, to justice, to the Sacred, and to each other, the Holy One will be our strength, our hope, and our firm foundation.

Go in peace and courage. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Liturgy adapted from enfleshed.com. Scripture from The Inclusive Bible. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.

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