



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

February 24, 2019

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



CENTERING WORDS

"The challenge of the 21st century is not to demand equal opportunity in the machinery of oppression, but rather to identify and dismantle those structures in which racism continues to be embedded."

~ Angela Davis

PRELUDE: "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (old 100th)

Tim Barnes, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us delight in the ways of God.

When we abide in Love, our cup overflows.

Though hate and violence bring destruction, **Love builds us up.**

When we are made to feel small, **Love calls us to courage.**

When cycles of wickedness trap us in despair, **Love sets us free.**

Those who prosper at the feet of evil will only find themselves empty.

Bring your justice, O God, and let all wickedness cease.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

* OPENING HYMN: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" # 404

* OPENING PRAYER

Forgive us, O God, when we contribute to a spirit of destruction. When we grow weary from pain and injustice, we often betray our neighbors and our own spirits. But you are our refuge in times of trouble. When we are tired, draw us close. When we feel hopeless, rescue us. Do not let us separate ourselves from Love. 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 bienvenidos!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CARE PLAN

Jacqueline Boyd

SOLO: "How I Got Over" (traditional Gospel song)

Demetrius Kelsaw

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Don't be vexed by evildoers, and don't be envious of the corrupt! They'll soon fade like the grass, and wither away like unwatered plants. Trust in YHWH, and do good, and you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security. Delight in YHWH, and you'll be given the desires of your heart. Commit your way to YHWH, and trust in YHWH; God will take action, making your vindication as sure as the dawn and your integrity as bright as noonday. Be still before YHWH and wait patiently; don't fret about those who amass great fortunes and carry out their schemes unchallenged. Let go of your anger, and leave resentment behind. And stop worrying! It produces nothing but evil, and evildoers will be cut off. But those who put their hope in YHWH—they will inherit the land. A little while longer, and the violent will be no more; no matter how hard you look for them, they will not be found. But the gentle will inherit the land, and will enjoy abundant peace...The safety of the just is from YHWH, their refuge when trouble comes. YHWH helps them and rescues them—rescues them from the violent and saves them, because they take refuge in YHWH.

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Ride the Chariot" (traditional Gospel song)

Broadway Choir

[Another example of the communication network of the slaves, the line, "I'm Gonna Ride the Chariot in the morning, Lord" specifically meant Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad was passing through that next morning...to freedom...]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful, God, **hear our prayer!**

Loving God, **we give you thanks!**

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] “To you who hear me, I say: love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. When they slap you on one cheek, turn and give them the other; when they take your coat, let them have your shirt as well. Give to all who beg from you. When someone takes what is yours, don’t demand it back. Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. If you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ do as much. If you lend to those you expect to repay you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to other ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. Love your enemies and do good to them. Lend without expecting repayment, and your reward will be great. You’ll rightly be called children of the Most High, since God is good even to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassionate, as your loving God is compassionate. Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn, and you won’t be condemned. Pardon, and you’ll be pardoned. Give, and it will be given to you: a full measure—packed down, shaken together and running over—will be poured into your lap. For the amount you measure out is the amount you’ll be given back.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

REFLECTION

Student Pastor Savannah Gross

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.]

Paths to great material abundance and prosperity often require us to turn on one another, choosing our own gain at the expense of our neighbor. But here, in this place, we commit instead to choosing each other. We are not envious of those who have plenty by stealing from their neighbors. We take delight in sharing all that we have.

*DOXOLOGY..... [tune # 95]

[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, in faith, we bring our offerings to you and one another. We choose to invest in Love and trust that though we may not yet know how or when, your justice will one day roll down like waters. Thanks be to you, O God. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" # 519

* BENEDICTION

Friends, our lives are too precious to be handed over to evil. God has given us hearts that are tender, spirits that are brave, and faith that is rich in wisdom.

Let us go from here and live by the Spirit of Love. Doing all the good we can, we trust in the One who ushers in the age of justice. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Variation on 'Salzburg'" (by J. Hintze, harm. J.S. Bach)

Tim Barnes, organ



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

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