



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

March 10, 2019

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

First Sunday in Lent: *Rest in the Divine*



PRELUDE: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (by Frederick C. Atkinson) **Tim Barnes, organ**

INTROIT: "Come Away with Me" **FS 2202**

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERIES

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Bold type indicates congregational response.

OPENING HYMN: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" FS 2128, vs. 1

PRAYER FOR CLEARING OUT

Let us pray a "prayer for clearing out..."

Forgiving God, we are not sure we can slow down.

Help us make room for You.

We have too often crowded you out, too busy even to make a change.

Help us find room for You.

We come to you wanting it to be different.

Let us be room for You.

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

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

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 454

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 11:28-30

[Jesus said:] "Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gently and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Broadway Choir

REFLECTION

Rev. Alka Lyall

"TIME OUT" IN THE PRAYER CHAIR *(responsive reading based on UM hymn # 455)*

Not so in haste my heart! Have faith in God, and wait;

Although God lingers long, God is never too late.

**God is never too late; God knows us as God's best;
Vex not therefore in vain; Into God's promise, rest.**
Into God's promise rest, not grudge the hours that roll;
The feet that wait for God, Are soonest at the goal.
**Are soonest at the goal, That is not gained with speed;
Then hold thee still, my heart, In silence I shall wait for God's lead.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Name your prayers in silence or aloud.]

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.

MISSION MINUTE: GirlForward and Chicago Foundation for Women [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.]

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

**For time to savor God's good gifts, For space to breathe and hearts to lift
For ways to reach out and to give, We offer thanks and vow to live! AMEN.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God who accompanies, God who delivers, God who promises renewal, here we are. We bring all of who we are and all of what we have to the work of your Love. May your Spirit receive these gifts and work in us to set your Justice in motion. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" FS 2153

*BENEDICTION

May the tempo of our journey be "just right."
May we seize the day, but also savor the moment.
[continued...]

May our lives be the ones we live and not just watch passing by.

And may we be reacquainted each day with an unhurried God who is calling us to dive deeply into love.

Let us reverse STRESSED to DESSERTS!

AMEN.

POSTLUDE: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" (by Georg Neumark)

Tim Barnes, organ

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Invitation to Lenten Practices

In this bulletin is an insert for your personal Lenten practice of the Prayer Chair. Also—the God Box will be available here in the sanctuary throughout the season whenever you need to add to it.

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