



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

April 7, 2019

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

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent:** *Time to Rest*



PRELUDE

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERIES

OPENING HYMN: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" ..... FS 2128, vs. 2

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!**

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

Before you settle back into your seats, take time to connect with the people around you, starting the conversation with something like, **"What is your favorite season?"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL ANTHEM

Broadway Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

There is a time for everything, a season for every purpose under heaven: a season to be born and a season to die; a season to plant and a season to harvest; a season to hurt and a season to heal; a season to tear down and a season to build up; a season to cry and a season to laugh; a season to mourn and a season to dance; a season to scatter stones and a season to gather them; a season for holding close and a season for holding back; a season to seek and a season to lose; a season to keep and a season to throw away; a season to tear and a season to mend; a season to be silent and a season to speak; a season to love and a season to hate; a season for hostilities and a season for peace. What do workers gain from their efforts? I have reflected on this while learning all the kinds of work God gives to humankind. God has made everything in harmony with the divine; yet although the Almighty has imbued eternity in our soul, we are unable to grasp the totality of God's work from beginning to end. What I do know is that what is best for us is to be happy and enjoy life as long as we live. And God's gift to us is to eat and drink and find fulfillment in our work.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

"TIME OUT" FOR PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" . . . . . # 399

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

For losing touch with the creation of which we are a part....**God forgive us.**

For the times when we don't let things unfold in their own time...**God forgive us.**

Help us slow down when it is the season of our lives for doing so. Help us celebrate and embrace the ebbs and flow of life.

**Give us the ability to sense the balance so that we might take pleasure in our toil I enjoy the fruits of our labor.**

You do not ask us to go back to some yesteryear,

**but to take time to smell the roses, savor the twilight, bask in the sun. We are your children, created to flourish along with all of creation.**

And now, we bring our petitions to you this day, O God. Here are the people and things we are worried about and yet know that we cannot control:

*[Prayers can be named out loud or in silence.]*

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.**

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.]*

One of our most sacred callings is to simply meet each other in the midst of our joys and pain. We find God moving among us when we support one another, advocate for one another, feed and delight and love one another. In a spirit of care for this church family and all our neighbors with whom our lives are intertwined, let us bring our gifts and offerings to God.

\*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

**Generous One, receive these gifts of gratitude for all the ways you sustain us in body, mind, and heart. Help us to be gracious to one another as you are gracious to us. Make us lavish in our love for all your creatures and creations. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*[The United Methodist Church practices "open communion" which means that any and all who respond to the invitation are welcome to share in the Sacrament. You are invited to exit from one end of your pew and return by the other end of the pew at the direction of the ushers. You may bring your food offering\* (see "As We Are Fed" in today's announcements) to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion. We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament.]*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Hymn of Promise" . . . . . # 707

\*BLESSING FOR THE UNHURRIED LIFE

People of God, this week, may we notice creation around us and how effortlessly it passes the time.

**May we see the passing of time as a friend, with all its fast and slow. May we find delight in the season of "right now."**

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

POSTLUDE



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.



*Our 2019 Lenten Series is adapted from Marcia McFee's Worship Design Studio. Liturgy adapted from enfleshed.com. Scripture from The Inclusive Bible. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009*

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