



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

November 25, 2018

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

WORDS OF CENTERING

"What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love. And this is what we must see as we move on." ~ Martin Luther King Jr., "Where Do We Go From Here?"

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: "Surely the Presence of (our God)" # 328

**Surely the presence of our God is in this place; I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of our God is in this place.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to remember who God is:

The One who remains as rulers rise and fall.

The One whose love sets free.

The One who took on flesh to serve the world.

The One who creates life where evil intends death.

Among us, within us, in spite of us, God endures forever.

*OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting One, your power is neither controlling nor reckless; it is not arrogant and it is not destructive. Your strength is made manifest in service, transforming the world through acts of radical compassion and justice. May your Spirit guide us, that we too may have the courage to believe in this power of love. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "Give Thanks to the Source" see insert

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43: 1-2, 18-21

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... Forget the events of the past, ignore the things of long ago! Look, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth—can't you see it? I'm making a road in the desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland. Wild beasts will honor me—the jackals and the ostriches—for I will put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, these people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Don't be surprised, my dear friends, that a trial by fire is occurring in your midst. It is a test for you, but it shouldn't catch you off guard. Rejoice, instead, insofar as you share the Savior's sufferings, so that when the glory of Christ is revealed, you will rejoice exceedingly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's spirit in her glory has come to rest on you. See to it, however, that none of you suffers for being a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a destroyer of another's rights. If anyone suffers for being a follower of Christ, however, that one ought not be ashamed, but rather should glorify God in virtue of that Name. It is time for the judgment to begin with the family of God. And if we are only the beginning, what will happen by the time those who disobey the Good News of God are judged? If it is hard for a good person to be saved, where will the wicked and the sinners be? Therefore those who suffer according to God's will do the right thing, and commit themselves to their faithful Creator.

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

MESSAGE: "Gratitude in All Things"

[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.]

In a world where spirits of dominance and control encourage us to turn away from one another, our faith calls us to the opposite. Together, we practice trust in God by sharing all that we have with each other - freely, generously, and with joy.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: "You Can't Beat God Giving" (by D. Akers) lyrics below

You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try. And just as sure as you are living and our God is in heaven on high, the more you give, the more God gives to you. Just keep on giving because it's really true that you can't beat God giving no matter how you try.

*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.**

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, may your power rise among us. Give us the courage to believe that through these offerings, in our hearts, and among us as a community, you can do incredible things. Do not let us be deceived into believing we cannot make a difference. Even under the most challenging of circumstances, you have given us all that we need to seek your Kingdom together. May it be so among us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" see insert

*BENEDICTION

Though we will face obstacles...
Though we must confront evil...
Though there will be threats made against us...
may we trust in the power and promises of God.
With love as our guide, let us go in faith to serve the world.

POSTLUDE



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Quarter Three	\$40,182.25	\$46,608.61	-\$6,426.36
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