



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

May 19, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world.
And you have to do it all the time." ~ Angela Davis

PRELUDE: "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing?)" (Robert Lowry) Tim Barnes, organist

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world points us in the direction of despair,

We gather and remember God.

Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:

We believe that justice will come.

We believe that love can transform.

We believe that God will make all things new.

With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.

OPENING HYMN: "For Everyone Born" see insert, vs. 1 & 2

OPENING PRAYER

God, our source of hope, be near. When we witness evil flex its muscles through white supremacy, hate, and economic oppression, we struggle to imagine how to make a way for justice. How to create change. How to bring about your Kingdom. But you, O God, have seen empires rise and fall. You have led your people out of Egypt and into the promise land. Help us to trust you will do so again. Do not let us fall into despair but lead us on paths of healing and liberation. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "For Everyone Born" see insert, vs. 3 & 4

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says YHWH: "Do what is right! Work for justice! For my liberation is about to come, and my justice is about to be revealed." Happy is the person who does this, and happy is the person who holds to it—who observes the Sabbath and does not profane it, and keeps one's hands from evil deeds. Foreigners who would follow YHWH should not say, "YHWH will surely exclude me from this people." Nor should the eunuch say, "And I am a dried-up tree." For thus says YHWH: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbath, who choose that which pleases me and hold fast to my Covenant—to them I will create within my Temple and its walls a memorial, and a name better than that of daughters and sons. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be excised. And the foreigners who join themselves to me, ministering to me, loving the name of YHWH and worshiping me—all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it, and cling to my Covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples!"

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Broadway Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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 2:14-21

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "People of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: 'In the days to come—it is our God who speaks—I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your children will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be

turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE: “We Are of Different Ages and Backgrounds”

Rev. Alka Lyall

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: “For Everyone Born” see insert, vs. 5

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.]

A new heaven and a new earth where evil and injustice are no more: May it manifest in this community. May it come to fruition in our neighborhoods. May it be so within our families. In service to this holy labor, let us bring our offerings to God.

*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, you have given us the simplest and most challenging commandment: love one another. In service to this calling, we offer these gifts and pray for this community. May we build each other up in love. May we be challenged to learn from each other. May we provide for and protect one another. And may this love, in this place, be carried from here to the edges of the earth. By your grace, we pray you make it so. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” # 581

BENEDICTION

Let us go from here with the confidence that God can, indeed, make all things new.

Wherever evil and oppression declare their power, may we, with even more boldness, proclaim the power of the living God in us.

The Creator of all that is,

The risen Christ who brings life out of destruction,

[continued...]

And the spirit, creative and surprising,
they go with us, today and always.
Thanks be to God. Let us go in peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Bind Us Together" (Bob Gillman)

Tim Barnes, organist

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## CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

**Welcome to God's Beloved Community at Broadway.**

**BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family's God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God's nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ."

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