



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

May 26, 2019

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Tenderness is what love feels like in private. Justice is what love looks like in public."

~ Dr. Cornel West

PRELUDE: "How Like a Gentle Spirit" (Alfred Morton Smith)

Tim Barnes, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God,

The Earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is

To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

Justice and peace join hands.

If God's disciples keep silent,

These stones would shout aloud.

God, open our lips

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING HYMN: "Cuando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)" # 434

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you meet us in the midst of all that troubles us. We ache and we worry. We stress and we wonder. How will you make a way for us? Just as you comforted the disciples who could not imagine their future, comfort us too. May your peace wash over us, that we might find courage to live boldly all that you have taught us, trusting in your eternal work of redemption. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

* 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: Romans 12:4-20

Just as each of us has one body with many members—and these members don't have the same function—so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body. And as members of that one body, we belong to each other. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophecy, use it in proportion to your faith. If your gift is ministry, use it for service. If you are a teacher, use your gift for teaching. If you are good at preaching, then preach boldly. If you give to charity, do so generously; if you are a leader, exercise your authority with care; if you help others, do so cheerfully. Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of sisters and brothers. Try to outdo one another in showing respect. Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: the One you serve is Christ. Rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of God's holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors—bless and don't curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same attitude toward everyone. Don't be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you; don't be conceited. Don't repay evil with evil. Be concerned with the highest ideal in the eyes of all people. Do all you can to be at peace with everyone. Don't take revenge; leave room, my friends, for God's wrath. To quote scripture, "Vengeance is mine, I will pay them back," says our God." But there is more: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them drink. For in doing so, you will heap burning coals upon their heads."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Great Day" (traditional Spiritual)

Broadway Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Gracious God, because Christ taught us to trust you in all things,

Your kindom come, Your will be done.

Where nations budget for war, while Christ says, 'Put up your sword':

Your kindom come, Your will be done.

Where countries waste food and covet fashion, while Christ says, "I was hungry, I was thirsty..."

Your kindom come, Your will be done.

Where powerful governments claim that their policies are heaven blessed, while scripture states that God helps the powerless: **Your kingdom come, Your will be done.**

Where Christians seek the kingdom in the shape of their own church, as if Christ had come to build and not to break barriers, **Your kingdom come, Your will be done.**

Where we, obsessed with being adult, forget to become like children,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Wherever Christ calls us: **Your kingdom come, Your will be done.**

*SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 3:31-35

Jesus' mother and brothers arrived and sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting around Jesus, and they said to him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who is my family?" And looking around at everyone there, Jesus said, "This is my family! Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my sister, my brother, my mother."

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

MESSAGE: "A Family with Many Gifts"

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.]

If we profess to love Christ, we know what we must do: Pursue Love at all costs. Love for the rejected, love that overturns oppression, love that is confident in the face of evil's threats. As a community committed to the work of this love, let us bring our gifts and offerings to the One who guides and upholds us.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG see lyrics below

**You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.
And just as sure as you are living, and the Lord is in heaven on high,
The more you give the more God gives to you.
So 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 alabado. 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, for your peace that companions us through all of life's challenges, we give you thanks. Through you, we are enabled to live courageously. We do not need to know how things will unfold, only that you are faithful to us. Receive our gifts of thanks, and make us confident in the possibilities of justice and love. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "What Does the Lord Require of You" FS 2174

BENEDICTION

With the peace of Christ as our companion,
may we go from here and live our faith boldly,
Undeterred by evil's threats,
and confident in our love for one another and all God's creatures and creations.
For such love is our hope and our salvation.
May it be so.

POSTLUDE: "Jesus Shall Reign" (John Hatton) Tim Barnes, organist



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