



# BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH “Onward & Upward 2020”

11:00 a.m.

January 19, 2020

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

### CENTERING WORDS

“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.” ~ Maya Angelou

PRELUDE: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (William Sterndale Bennett) Timothy Barnes, organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who have known the strains of human life, the heavy burdens of injustice, or the perils of uncertainty, come and tell again the story of God. Let your hearts be made alive with memories of restoration. Let your mouths be filled with testimonies of hope.

**Our spirits are renewed through Sacred witness. We remember the prophets—their truth offers freedom. We remember the life of Jesus—his love transforms. We remember the saints who persisted—their courage compels.**

With the joy of this ancient story that delivers and uplifts, we welcome the presence of God in our midst.

\*OPENING HYMN: “Christ for the World We Sing” ..... # 568

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Our Deliverer, when we find ourselves in pits of despair, faith is a struggle. We wonder what’s possible. We fear our hopes will be dashed. We worry that even your grace will fail us. But you, O God, are patient with our impatience. Meet us tenderly in all the parts of us that are not yet ready to trust in the promises of Love. Accompany us in our distress until we know peace again. 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!**

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Islands, listen to me! Pay attention, distant peoples! YHWH called me before I was born, and named me from my mother's womb. God made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of the hand of the Most High. The Almighty made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in God's quiver. The Holy One said to me, "You are my Servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." I had been thinking, "I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing!"—yet all the while my cause was with YHWH, and my reward was with my God. Thus says YHWH, who formed me in the womb to be God's Servant, who destined me to bring back the children of Jacob and gather again the people of Israel: "It is not enough for you to do my bidding, to restore the tribes of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Thus says YHWH, the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One, to the one deeply despised, the one abhorred by nations, the one enslaved by despots; "Rulers will stand when you walk in the room and court officials will pay homage because of YHWH, who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel, who chose you."

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!**

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:29-42

The next day, catching sight of Jesus approaching, John exclaimed, "Look, there's God's sacrificial lamb, who takes away the world's sin! This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.' I didn't recognize him, but it was so that he would be revealed to Israel that I came baptizing with water." John also gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and she came to rest on him. I didn't recognize him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, that is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen for myself and have testified that this is the Only Begotten of God." The next day, John was by the Jordan again with two of his disciples. Seeing Jesus walk by, John said, "Look! There's the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and

noticed them following, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They replied, "Rabbi,"—which means "Teacher"—"where are you staying?" "Come and see," Jesus answered. So they went to see where he was staying, and they spent the rest of the day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. One of the two who had followed Jesus after hearing John was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find Simon Peter and say, "We've found the Messiah!"—which means "the Anointed One." Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, who looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon ben-Jonah; I will call you 'Rock'"—that is, "Peter."

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

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Beloveds, if you have ever experienced the saving hand of God, if you have been plucked up from the mud and set upon solid ground, if you were once walking on paths of destruction but have been turned towards the ways of life, let your soul magnify the One who made it possible. In gratitude for the wonders of salvation, let us bring our gifts together that we might be a part of extending such grace to one another and all our neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Give Thanks" . . . . . FS 2036 (inclusive language below)

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks, because God gave us, Jesus Christ, the Son. (2x)**

**and now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what our God has done, for us." (2x) Give thanks!**

\*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, we bring these gifts of gratitude along with our offerings of praise. May we not be shy in telling the story of your great works in our lives. May we be brave in revealing our vulnerabilities, past and present. Even when evil attempts to silence and suppress, may we be bold in testifying to what's possible together. Thanks be to you, our Liberator and our Joy. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "We Are Called" . . . . . FS 2172

\* B E N E D I C T I O N

With fresh reminders of God’s presence in our lives, let us go eager to bear witness to love that is steadfast, to tell stories of hope that persists in death, to live courageously with trust in the justice of God.

**These gifts that awaken and restore are not meant to be kept hidden.**

In the company of the Spirit, who empowers and enlivens, may the Good News of God be revealed in all we do. Through Christ, may it be so. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (William H. Havergal) Timothy Barnes, organ  
[Please remain seated for the postlude, or if needed, leave quietly.]



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*Flowers on the altar today are in remembrance of Rev. Alka’s father, Mr. Sweet Edward. We continue to hold Rev. Alka, her mother, Mrs. Sheela Edward, and all family and friends in prayer.*



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