



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH “Onward & Upward 2020”

11:00 a.m.

February 16, 2020

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CENTERING WORDS

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi

PRELUDE: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Thomas A. Dorsey)

Timothy Barnes, organ

* OPENING HYMN: “Woke Up This Morning”..... see insert

* OPENING PRAYER

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: “Tim King”

Woo Evans

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Today I have set before you life and success, or death and disaster. For today I command you to love YHWH, your God, to follow God’s ways and keep the commandments, the laws and the customs. If you do, you will live and increase, and YHWH, your God, will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your hearts stray and you do not listen to me, if you let yourself be drawn into the worship of other gods, and serve them, I tell you today, you will not survive. You will not live

[continued...]

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

long in the land which you are now crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live, by loving YHWH, your God, by obeying God's voice and by clinging to YHWH. For that will mean life for you, a long life in the land which God swore to give to your descendants Sarah and Abraham, Rebeca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and Jacob.

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

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Siyahamba" (Andries Van Tonder)

[Siyahamba is a South African hymn that became popular in North American churches in the 1990s. The title means "We Are Marching" or "We are Walking" in the Zulu language.]

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Unfortunately, beloved, I was unable to speak to you as spiritual people. I had to treat you as sensual people, still infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, since you weren't ready for it. Indeed, you still aren't ready for it, since you're still far too carnal—a fact that should be obvious from all the jealousy and wrangling that there is among you, from the way that you go on behaving like ordinary people! What could be more nonspiritual than your slogans, "I belong to Paul," and "I belong to Apollos"? After all, who is Apollos? And who is Paul? They are ministers through whom you came to believe. Even the different ways in which they brought the Gospel were assigned to them by God. I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God caused the growth. Neither the planter nor the waterer matters—only God, who makes things grow. It is all one who does the planting and who does the watering; and all will be duly paid according to their share in the work. We are coworkers with God; you are God's farm, God's building.

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

MESSAGE

Student Pastor Mack Owings

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Draw the Circle Wide"..... see insert

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.]

There is no end to the possibilities of God among us. If we endeavor to grow in love...If we open ourselves to creativity and imagination...If we dare to dream with hope...God will guide us on paths that heal and transform. With thanks for the Holy work of Love in this place, let us bring our offerings.

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

**Holy Wonder, the gift of your wisdom is balm to our souls. You illuminate the possibilities
of radical love within and around us. You turn us from patterns that replicate pain and
violence and point us in directions that free and uplift. For the power of Christ that lives in
us, enabling the way of integrity, we bring our gifts with thanks. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" # 431

* BENEDICTION

The Spirit sends us from this place with power:

to disrupt cycles of violence,

to practice healing within and around,

and to create bold alternatives to norms that harm and destroy.

With the knowledge and assurance of Christ with us, may we go and make it so. **Amen.**

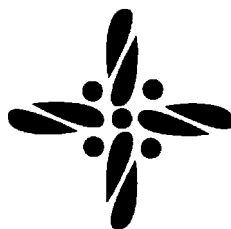
POSTLUDE

Robert Galbreath, Jr.

[Please remain seated for the postlude, or if needed, leave quietly.]

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