

LENT 2020 AT BROADWAY CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020 | 11:00 AM

When God Uses Our RESOURCES...



...When God Uses ALL the Pieces.

***Bold type** indicates congregational response.*

CENTERING WORDS

"i don't pay attention to the world ending. it has ended for me many times and began again in the morning." ~ Nayyirah Waheed, *Salt*

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the stillness...

In the quiet...

In all that rests on our minds and hearts...

Our souls wait for you, O God.

In everything moving too quickly...

In our feelings of helplessness before all the obstacles that surround...

As anxiety abounds and needs exceed our capacities...

Our souls wait for you, O God.

Though we cannot yet perceive the way from here...

We do not give up on each other. We do not give in to despair.

We trust in the One who has companioned life and love through the troubles of every generation.

Our hope is this: through all things, God resides with us, within us, around us.

OPENING PRAYER

God of the dead and God of the living, hold us close as we linger in these delicate days. May we perceive with clarity all that you would have us glean from what surrounds. Where a collective lack of love and justice are failing us, embolden us to live differently — today. Let your Spirit come swiftly and transform us with hope. **Amen.**

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

(Please check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC.)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

Haleigh Kent

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, **hear our prayer!** Loving God, **we give you thanks!**

SUNG RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O God"

led by Robert Galbreath, Jr.

**Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God;
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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: Matthew 15:32-39 (CEB)

Now Jesus called his disciples and said, "I feel sorry for the crowd because they have been with me for three days and have nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry for fear they won't have enough strength to travel." His disciples replied, "Where are we going to get enough food in this wilderness to satisfy such a big crowd?" Jesus said, "How much bread do you have?" They responded, "Seven loaves and a few fish." He told the crowd to sit on the ground. He took the seven loaves of bread and the fish. After he gave thanks, he broke them into pieces and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full. The disciples collected seven baskets full of leftovers. Four thousand men ate, plus women and children. After dismissing the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE: "When God Uses Our RESOURCES"

Student Pastor Mack Owings

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.]

Though we face difficult truths and realities, we do so in the company of God and one another. Together, we can hold what must be held. Together, we can support those who need it most. Together, we can tend life even in the midst of death. God is with us. [Let us share what we have.](#)



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beloved One, you multiply all that we bring in love. As we remember those struggling with lack today — lack of connection, lack of rest, lack of resources, or lack of hope — we remember you can turn even the smallest offerings into an abundance of hope. Make us generous in spirit as we seek to center the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As we depart from the presence of one another, we do so in the knowledge that Love Eternal holds us together.

Until we come together again, may you find courage in the witness of the faithful.

May the peace of the Holy Spirit move through your every breath.

And may you trust in the Wisdom of Christ within you. **Amen.**



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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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