



Broadway United Methodist Church

ONWARD & UPWARD 2020

## A WONDER-FULL LIFE

*Looking at Money and Meaning*

**October 18, 2020 | 11 a.m.**

*"Looking Out"*

**Bold type in purple** indicates congregational response. (Blue text indicates online links.)

GATHERING MUSIC: "Be Thou My Vision"

### CENTERING WORDS

"Love blows up the dam  
Chains itself to the redwood tree  
To the capitol building when a trailer of Mexican immigrants are found dead on the  
south Texas roadside  
Love insists well intentioned white people officially stop calling themselves colorblind  
Insists hope lace its boots  
Always calls out the misogynist, racist, homophobic joke  
Refuses to be a welcome mat where hate wipes its feet  
Love asks questions at the most inappropriate times..."

~ Andrea Gibson, "etiquette leash"

### OPENING PRAYER

Beloved One, in the midst of worrisome and troubled days, we seek refuge in your presence. In your care, we find a place to tend our fears and air our grief, to hold our anger, and to renew our passion for collective good. Draw us near to you, O God, and meet us as we are with your restorative love. **Amen.**

### OPENING WORDS

So, once again we light this flame to affirm that where there is light, there is understanding; where there is understanding, there is compassion; where there is compassion, there is possibility; where there is possibility; there is transformation. Holy and Living God, transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder. Open us to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us for a "wonder-full" life. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: "Take My Life"

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*(Please check in on [Facebook](#) and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC. **We also now have an [online Friendship Pad!](#) [Click here to record your presence.](#)**)*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING IN MEMBERSHIP: Rebecca and William Limestall

THE RESPONSE OF THE COMMUNITY

**We welcome you to the Body of Christ in this place and with this community. We celebrate that the company of Christ's disciples is richer for your presence. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit. May your proclamation of the Word, in whatever form, be enabling. May your life lived in mission be a challenge. And may the Creator's power sustain you and give you comfort. Amen.**

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

HYMN: "Give Me A Clean Heart"

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-21 (Inclusive Bible)

There is, of course, great benefit in religion, but only for those who are content with what they have. We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out. If we have food and clothing, we have all that we need. Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap. They are letting themselves be captured by foolish and harmful desires which draw us down to ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all evil. Some people, in their passion for it, have strayed from the faith and have come to grief amid great pain. But you are to flee from these things. As one dedicated to God, strive to be a person of integrity and piety, filled with faith and love, patience and gentleness. Run the great race of faith. Take firm hold of the everlasting life to which you were called when, in the presence of many witnesses, you made your good profession of faith. Before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I charge you to keep God's command without fault or reproach until our Savior Jesus Christ appears. This appearance God will bring to pass at a chosen time. God alone is the Sovereign over all, the blessed and only ruler above all earthly rules, who alone possesses immortality, and who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see. To God be the honor and the everlasting kingdom! Amen. Warn those who are blessed with this world's goods not to look down on other people. They are not to put their hope in wealth, for it is uncertain.

Instead, they are to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with all that we need for our enjoyment. Tell them they are to do good and be wealthy in good works. They are to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they'll create a treasure for the future, and guarantee the only life that is real. Dear Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the blasphemous philosophical discussions and absurdities of what is falsely called knowledge. Some have adopted it and have lost the faith. Grace be with you.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

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.]*

We grieve the broken and unjust economic systems that surround us. We remember all who are left without needs met this day, and seek to be faithful, just, and generous in the stewardship of all our resources. Renouncing all loyalties to wealth and power, let us bring our offerings to God and one another.



God is inviting you to specific ministry of sharing your resources. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. To give online, visit us at [BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give](http://BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give) or scan the QR code. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!

WAYS TO GIVE: **Mail a check** (3338 N. Broadway St., Chicago, IL 60657), **drop off a check** in our mailbox, **set up recurring giving** or make a **one-time contribution** through your bank account or credit card through **Vanco here** or by scanning the QR code above, **Zelle** (send to [bumclakeview@gmail.com](mailto:bumclakeview@gmail.com)), or **text** the amount you wish to donate to 833-990-2149.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Redemption, by your grace we learn to perceive differently. Where we once justified our complicity with evil, you set us on a new path. With humility, we keep seeking to understand your truths more deeply. To refine our love. To release all that keeps us from the great re-ordering of things and the Kindom come on earth. With thanks and determination, we bring our gifts to you. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Again, Bailey's blessing from *It's a Wonderful Life*:

Bread! That this house may never know hunger. Salt! That life may always have flavor. And wine! That joy and prosperity may reign forever."

Today we have affirmed that "prosperity" comes not with the accumulation of as much stuff as possible, but with the use of what we have accumulated in a way that keeps us "looking out" for others, being mindful of the well-being of others, and that helps fuel the movement of justice on earth. Beloveds, we have been reminded of these things here in this time together. Now, let us go and do likewise in the world, for it IS "a wonderful life!" **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (arr. Roberta Martin)

Robert Galbreath, Jr.

# 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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## BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quick Links for In-Person Worship

If you would like to attend Worship in-person, please [register here](#). (This link is also available on our website.) Then read the [safety measures on our events page](#) before attending.

### Annual Church/Charge Conference

Broadway's Church Conference is **TOMORROW, Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30pm**. [Click here](#) to join by video. To join by phone in Chicago: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 856 2333 0762 and password: 856007. Broadway's 2020 Annual Church Conference Report is [here](#). This information is also on our website.

### Book Study: "Me and White Supremacy"

While there is not much we can offer in the building right now, the Ministry Advocates (lay leadership of the church) have decided to virtually study together a book by Layla Saad, titled "Me and White Supremacy." If you have another book suggestion, or if you would like to start a book study group, please let [Safia Orange](#) know.

## Community Conversation: Stand Up and Speak Out, Chicago!

Everyone is invited to participate in a two-part series to create the 019th District's 2021 District Strategic Planning Community Conversation on **Saturday, October 24 from 12noon-3pm**. Register through Event Brite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/120588235659>. If you are unable to join online, please call 312-626-6799; meeting ID 960 5473 7082, passcode 748061. Let's make a difference in our neighborhood together! For more information or if you have a special accommodation need, please contact the 019th District Office of Community Policing office at 312-744-0064 or by email at [caps.019district@chicagopolice.org](mailto:caps.019district@chicagopolice.org).

## October Mission Minute: **MY BLOCK** ★ **MY HOOD** ★ **MY CITY**

### One Block At a Time, We Are Building Together

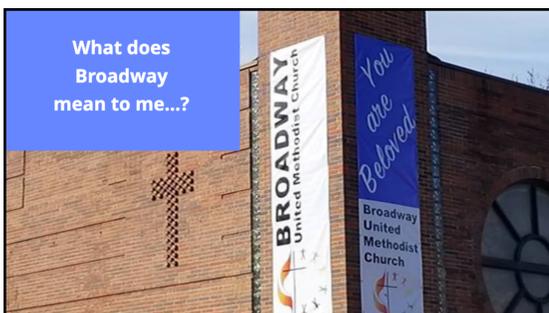
MBMHMC is a grassroots nonprofit community organization founded by activist Jahmal Cole. Their mission is to help inspire and care for youth on the south and west sides by showing them how goals can change the outcome of a situation and influence the choices people make. Cole has become a mentor to youth and adults through his work in creating volunteer initiatives and block clubs in low-income communities. Some of their programs are:

- **Youth Summer Job Opportunities** provided 6,000+ Youth Wellness Calls to Seniors in their **Youth Senior Connect Program**; 330+ tour participants in their **Youth Led Tours**, showing North Lawndale to hundreds of first time visitors. A total of 93 young people were employed this summer in all of their **youth development programs**.
- **Explorers Program** provides underprivileged youth with an awareness of the world and opportunities beyond their neighborhood. Students are taken on explorations focused on STEM, Arts & Culture, Citizenry & Volunteerism, Health, Community Development, Culinary Arts, and Entrepreneurism.
- The **Small Business Relief Fund** collected \$1 million in just two days to help businesses make repairs after looting.
- **Chicago Police Dept Cadet Tours**. For the second consecutive summer, youth in North Lawndale have been employed and empowered to lead CPD cadets on tours of their community. "We want future officers to know and fall in love with the communities they will one day serve, and have positive connections with the young people of the community."

Jahmal Cole received a 2020 Elevating Youth Voices award and a Red Cross Heroes award. Look for a documentary about MBMHMC, yet to be released, titled **Tiny Ripple of Hope**.

MBMHMC website: [formyblock.org](http://formyblock.org) @myblockmyhoodmycity

Visit our [donation page](#) to give. (Indicate Mission Minute in memo.)



As we continue our Stewardship month, we are sharing in our eNews how members and friends of Broadway responded to "**What does Broadway mean to me?**" If you wish to share your thoughts, please feel free to email them to Rev. Alka at [pastoralkalyall@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralkalyall@gmail.com).

**Interested in more announcements?** [Sign up for our weekly eNews here](#) (or on our website).