

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEW BEGINNINGS 2021



First Sunday of Advent
Rooting Our Hope in the Land

November 28, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Of The Father's Love Begotten" (Divinum Mysterium) from Six Carol Settings
(Wilbur Held, 1914-2015) Guest Organist Irvin Campbell

WELCOME

*OPENING PRAYER

The word for autism in the Māori language means "their (or my) own time and space." Living God, as fig trees bear fruit in their own season, soften us to make space for each other to blossom. In this season of Advent, may we breathe with your cosmic time, that we may not rush or force, but move towards flourishing with determined and compassionate hope. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"..... UMH # 196

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE—THE CANDLE OF HOPE

As our Christ reminds us, "There will be signs..."

We perceive them in the rumbles of over-fracked earth, in the shadows upon plastic-filled seas, and in the carbon emissions slowly choking our skies.

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* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

We hear them in the voices that cry out, “Black Lives Matter!” and “Stop Asian Hate.” We see them on the bodies scarred by policing policies born out of slavery and white supremacy.

As our Christ reminds us, “there will be signs...”

Can we see them in the coming of God? Will we answer their call and become partners in God’s work of healing and redemption?

○ Christ, hear our prayer

○ Come Emmanuel!!

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: “Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 211 vs. 1

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: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] “Signs will appear in the sun, the moon and the stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish, distraught at the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth. The powers in the heavens will be shaken. After that, people will see the Chosen One coming on a cloud with great power and glory. When these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your ransom is near at hand.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, or any other tree. You see when they’re budding and know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things happening, know that the reign of God is near. The truth is, this generation will not pass away until all this takes place. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on your guard lest your spirit become bloated with indulgence, drunkenness and worldly cares. That day will suddenly close in on you like a trap. It will come upon all who dwell on the face of the earth, so be on your watch. Pray constantly for the strength to escape whatever comes, and to stand secure before the Chosen One.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Student Intern Epiphany (Pip) Paris

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

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.

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.]

Author and visionary, Octavia Butler wrote, "All that you touch, you change. All that you change, changes you. The only lasting truth is change. God is Change." Let us co-create the body of God by bringing our offerings to each other, that we might be a changed people.



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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beloved, sometimes we struggle with how to meet the needs of the day while at the same time envisioning a tomorrow of systemic change. Discern with us how to wisely use our shared resources. We dedicate our offerings to the needs of today and to the dreams of the future. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH # 204

*BENEDICTION

Beloveds, even on days when sunlight seems thin, may you notice signs of new life, the kin-dom of Change at hand. Go forth in your own time and space trusting that God Who is Change will bloom you in your season. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645" (J.S. Bach, 1685-1750) Irvin Campbell

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



Liturgy and Worship Resources adapted from enfleshed.com, worshipdesignstudio.com, and "Reimagine Advent: Discover the Liberating Christ" by the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) of the UMC. *Scripture* from *The Inclusive Bible*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009. *Hymns* reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-725521.

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.



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