



GATHERING MUSIC

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CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

God of the joyful morning and of the dark night of the soul, thank you for your sustaining love. Sometimes it feels easy to be connected to your compassion. Other times, we grapple for ways to be faithful to the path of love. Unjust systems distract and divert us. Ground us in your steadfastness, Living Christ, that we have clarity and courage to live by your example. **Amen.**

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

“Standing on the Promises” United Methodist Hymnal # 374 vs. 2-4

2. **Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.**
3. **Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, standing on the promises of God.**
4. **Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit’s call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.**

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

“Ev’ry Praise” Hezekiah Walker

1. Ev’ry praise is to our God. Ev’ry word of worship, with one accord.

Ev’ry praise, ev’ry praise, is to our God.

2. Sing hallelujah to our God. Glordy, Hallelujah, is due our God.

Ev’ry praise, ev’ry praise, is to our God.

God my Savior, God my healer, God my deliverer, yes, God is. (3x).

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: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God only when I am nearby, says YHWH, and not a God when far away? Can anyone so hide in secret places where I cannot find them? says YHWH. Do I not fill both heaven and earth? says YHWH. I heard what these prophets say—the ones who speak lies in my Name: “I had a dream!” they say, “I had a dream!” How long will these lying prophets maintain these fictions in their hearts—these delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my Name, just as their ancestors forgot my Name and could only remember Ba’al. Let the prophet who has a dream tell it. But let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. What do straw and grain have in common? It is YHWH who speaks. Is not my word like fire, says YHWH, and like the hammer that smashes the rock into pieces?

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

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

TIME FOR PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR PEACE

Merciful God, we pray for a world in which the lowly are lifted up, as we remember the children of ethnic communities living with stigma and racism navigating institutions who judge them. God of justice and peace... **Hear our prayer.**

Deliver us from the fear and suspicion that separate us from each other and place limits on hope and healing. God of justice and peace... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray on this day for all people who stand for the rights of all human beings regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, color and gender. God of justice and peace...

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your courage and wisdom in the work against the policing of conversations about systemic racism that limit the depth of dialogue, understanding and attempts to diminish and dismiss truthful conversations. God of justice and peace... **Hear our prayer.**

May each of us acknowledge our part in mistakes and sins of the past pertaining to discrimination and racism and may a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation exist among peoples who share a history of mutual mistrust, hatred or aggression. God of justice and peace...

Hear our prayer.

May all who experience racial prejudice be recipients of your abundant grace and love so that they may forgive those who persecute them, and may their persecutors have a change of heart, even as all people seek to work for justice, peace and reconciliation. God of justice and peace...

Hear our 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.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I've come to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think I'm here to bring peace on earth? I tell you, the opposite is true: I've come to bring division. From now on a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three, father against son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." Jesus said again to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say that rain is coming—and so it does. When the wind blows from the south, you say it's going to be hot—and so it is. You hypocrites! If you can interpret the portents of earth and sky, what can't you interpret the present time?"

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Lee Rollins

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.]

Rev. Howard Thurman, mystic and scholar, speaks of faith as "keeping alive the dream," saying "for as long as a person has a dream in their heart, they cannot lose the significance of living." Let us keep dreams of thriving alive for ourselves and one another by gathering our shared resources on this day.



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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Out of faithfulness to your radical and creative love, oh God, we give these offerings to our community, and in doing so, give them to you. For the Holy Spirit moves within us and among us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace On Earth" United Methodist Hymnal # 431

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

* BENECTION

Beloveds, we go from this place not alone but among a cloud of witnesses. Blessed by the wisdom of the elders and led by the dreams of the young, let us co-create resurrection this day and always. Let us go in peace and be makers of Peace! **Amen.**



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