

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*KEEPING HOPE ALIVE 2022*



*reflecting the sacred*

Advent/Christmas 2022

**First Sunday of Advent: Sacred Time**

November 27, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Robert Galbreath, piano

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Tim Barnes, organ

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE—THE CANDLE OF HOPE

We pray for Hope this day. **We pray for Hope this day.**

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things. **We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.**

We open to see each moment. **We open to see each moment**

as a gift of holy presence. **as a gift of holy presence.**

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery, **This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,**

lighting the way to hope. **lighting the way to hope.**



OPENING PRAYER

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Hope, we give you thanks for this holy moment together. As we take in the hope you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred time of "right now" into the sacred time of "always and for all time." **Amen.**

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

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

## 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

## A READING

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

## SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13: 11-14

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

This is the Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

United Methodist Hymnal # 64 vs. 1

## SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24: 36-44

But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only (God) knows. As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Human One. In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They didn't know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. The coming of the Human One will be like that. At that time there will be two men in the field. One will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill. One will be taken and the other left. Therefore, stay alert! You don't know what day the Lord is coming. But you understand that if the head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn't allow the thief to break into his house. Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One will come at a time you don't know.

This is the Word of Life for all God's people. **Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

Lee Rollins

## 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.**

#### THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERING MUSIC: "You Can't Beat God Giving" African American Heritage Hymnal # 671

**You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try. And just as sure as you are living and our God is in heaven on high, the more you give, the more God gives to you. Just keep on giving because it's really true that you can't beat God giving no matter how you try.**

\*THE DOXOLOGY *[You are invited to sing the Doxology in the language of your heart.]*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor  
Y al eterno Consolador Unidos todos alabad.**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### ANointing THE SACRED TIME

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Eternal God Transcending Time" ..... see insert

#### \*BENEDICTION

Beloveds, when you see lights twinkle, when you catch a reflection in a mirror, when you notice the sunlight dancing on a surface or a nightlight glowing in the darkness, let these be signs that the Christ Light is revealed again and again in and through this world. Know that your brilliant presence is pouring more hope into a weary world. God loved us by becoming us. This means you are already reflecting the sacred. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit of Hope. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Tim Barnes, organ

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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.**



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This week's office hours are:

Tuesday, November 29 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm  
Wednesday, November 30 from 9:30am to 1:30pm  
Thursday, December 1 from 9:30am to 1:30pm

Please check our online calendar at [broadwaychurchchicago.com/calendar](http://broadwaychurchchicago.com/calendar) for the most up to date information. Need to stop by at a different time? Please email the office.

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