

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
KEEPING HOPE ALIVE 2022



reflecting the sacred

Advent/Christmas 2022

Third Sunday of Advent: Sacred Space

December 11, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE—THE CANDLE OF JOY

We pray for Joy this day. **We pray for Joy 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 place **We open to see each place**
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 joy. **lighting the way to joy.**



OPENING PRAYER

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Joy, we give you thanks for this physical and online space for gathering. As we take in the joy you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred space of “right here” into the sacred place of “everywhere.” **Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN: “Sing Your Joy” Upper Room Worshipbook # 178 (see insert)

* 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 FROM THE WORLD (JOY)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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 kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 35: 1-10

The desert and the dry land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like the crocus. They will burst into bloom, and rejoice with joy and singing. They will receive the glory of Lebanon, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the Lord's glory, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and support the unsteady knees. Say to those who are panicking: "Be strong! Don't fear! Here's your God, coming with vengeance; with divine retribution God will come to save you." Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. Then the lame will leap like the deer, and the tongue of the speechless will sing. Waters will spring up in the desert, and streams in the wilderness. The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground, fountains of water. The jackals' habitat, a pasture; grass will become reeds and rushes. A highway will be there. It will be called The Holy Way. The unclean won't travel on it, but it will be for those walking on that way. Even fools won't get lost on it; no lion will be there, and no predator will go up on it. None of these will be there; only the redeemed will walk on it. The Lord's ransomed ones will return and enter Zion with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads. Happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and groaning will flee away.

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

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "What Child is This" United Methodist Hymnal # 219

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 46b-55

Mary said, "With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, just as he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

MISSION MINUTE: RIP MEDICAL DEBT

[see announcements]

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.]

Activist and poet, June Jordan, said of those seeking liberation: *we are the ones we have been waiting for.* So let us co-ignite Christ's Luminous Love within our own spirits, not waiting for a time other than this to set each other free. We will gather our resources and gifts, offering them to each other this day, that it may be so.



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 or scan the QR code at left. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!

OFFERING MUSIC: "Give and It Shall be Given Unto You"

Robert Galbreath

Give and it shall be given unto you. (2x)

Cup runneth over, filled with God's blessing when you give, in the name of Love.

*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. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To the material reality of our joy, we dedicate our offerings—nourishing food, clean water, safe housing, communal spaces, abundant landscapes, nurturing relationships, space to dance. Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Make vivid our dreams. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Joy to the World" United Methodist Hymnal # 246

*BENEDICTION

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 joy 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 Joy. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

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This week's office hours are:

- Monday, December 12 from 11:30am to 3:30pm
- Wednesday, December 14 from 9:30am to 1:30pm
- Thursday, December 15 from 9:30am to 1:30pm

Please check our online calendar at 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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