



GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

**You ask us to clothe ourselves in love, Living God. And so we pray fervently for the will to be devoted to the work of Love. Accompany us in the daily practices required for nurturing relationships with people, more-than-humans, and lands.**

**Come, Holiness-Here-With-Us, come and dwell within us, Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMNS      "O Come, All Ye Faithful"                      United Methodist Hymnal # 234  
   "Joy to the World"    United Methodist Hymnal # 246

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*[Please use the Friendship Pads or the QR code to mark your presence with us.]*

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

**YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**



\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

***Bold type indicates congregational response.***

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS      “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”      United Methodist Hymnal # 240  
   “Angels We Have Heard on High”      United Methodist Hymnal # 238

FIRST READING      Colossians 3:12-17

Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Let Christ’s peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

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

SINGING WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

TIME FOR PRAYER      “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”      The Faith We Sing # 2193

SECOND READING      Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus used to go every year to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when Jesus was twelve, they went up for the celebration as was their custom. As they were returning at the end of the feast, the child Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, unbeknownst to Mary and Joseph. Thinking Jesus was in their caravan, they continued their journey for the day, looking for him among their relatives and acquaintances. Not finding Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. On the third day, they came upon Jesus in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Jesus were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus, they were astonished, and Mary said, “Son, why have you done this to us? You see that your father and I have been so worried, looking for you.” Jesus said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I had to be in my Abba’s house?” But they didn’t understand what he told them. Then Jesus went down with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. Mary stored these things in her heart, and Jesus grew in wisdom, in years and in favor with God people alike.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL CHOICE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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\*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Dwell among us richly, oh wisdom of the Living Christ, that our lives may be rooted in  
care for one another. That we may shake systems of power that need to be shaken.  
Let us lift up one another through poems, songs, and dance. Thank you, God, for  
blessing our offerings this day. Thank you for guiding us as we cultivate your Kin-dom  
of Care. Amen.**

CLOSING CAROLS

“The First Noel”

United Methodist Hymnal # 245

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

United Methodist Hymnal # 251

\*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, May the God of Great Love accompany our hearts today, beckoning us towards paths  
of vibrant possibility. Let us go with compassion and kindness, to practice Love. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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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.**



**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."

The church office will be closed for winter break from December 25 to January 3.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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