



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2025

Lent 4  everything
 [in] between
 lost & found

Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Christ For the World We Sing" Tim Barnes, organ

*OPENING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" United Methodist Hymnal # 381 vs. 1, 2, 4

OPENING PRAYER

Shepherding God, You look for us. You search for us. You turn every corner and climb every mountain. You call our name until your voice is hoarse. When we lose our way, you never stop seeking after us. So once again we pray, find us in this moment. Look for us. And then surround us with your presence, so that we might feel you near. With hope we pray, with hope we listen. Amen.

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

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

Bold type indicates congregational response.

READING FROM THE WORLD

“The Good Shepherd” (by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Jesus said, “Who among you wouldn’t leave the 99?
Who among you wouldn’t look for the one?”
Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.
Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.
Someone sighed and thought to themselves,
“This man doesn’t understand the business.
What fool would leave 99 to look for one?”
But maybe God was not talking about us.
Maybe God was talking about
her own reckless love.
Maybe God was talking about
her own willingness
to turn the world upside down
for me.

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

READING FROM THE MARGINS*

“Blessed are the margin dwellers”

Blessed are the margin dwellers
Blessed are those who are cast aside, pushed away,
told that they can’t stay here
 those we are told to fear because they are not the same as us
 because their skin or song are different from us.
Blessed are those who don’t belong
Those who know that how the world says they should be
Is not how they wish the world would know them
 For they go on not despite fear but in spite of fear and hatred and face the world again and
 again and again and again
We owe them our hearts and our voice to make the choice,
to dwell in the margins with them
to fight alongside them
until there are
 no
 margins
 Left

MUSIC MINISTRY

“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION IN OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY*

...God of generous hospitality, in your mercy, **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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!” Jesus then addressed this parable to them: “Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it’s found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Luke Miltz

TIME FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 95

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring these gifts in gratitude for your relentless commitment to a restored creation, O Holy One. Even when we struggle to grasp the sacred possibilities before us, you remain at work. And so, in you we put our trust and offer these gifts to you, praying your will may be done, and your Kin-dom may come. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “When the Poor Ones” United Methodist Hymnal # 434 vs. 1 & 4

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, as we leave this place, may we find God in every messy middle. May we know that the world is bigger than two sides. May we move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that we do not go alone. God is with us in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” Tim Barnes, organ

Reading from the World written by Rev. Sarah Speed, Founding Creative Partner of A Sanctified Art.
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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.

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