



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2025

UMC vision statement: The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **LOVE BOLDLY**, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

Worship Service

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

GATHERING MUSIC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" Tim Barnes, organ

*OPENING HYMN "We Are Called" The Faith We Sing # 2172

OPENING PRAYER

God of love and mercy, we love because you first loved us. Open our hearts to your love as we listen for your Word. May the light of your love fill us, warm us, re-shape us, and empower us to love, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. 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



* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

FIRST READING

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus answered: “‘You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.’ That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MUSIC MINISTRY “They Asked, ‘Who is my Neighbor?’” (Jan Wesson)

READING FROM THE WORLD

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.

SECOND READING

John 13:34-35

[Jesus said:] “I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

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

Holy One, we keep seeking to understand your truths more deeply. To refine our love, and to release all that keeps us from the great re-ordering of things. With thanks and determination, we bring our gifts to you. Bless them and use them. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Pass It On”

United Methodist Hymnal # 572

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, empowered by the DIVINE, may we **love boldly**, serve joyfully, and lead courageously, transforming our communities into places of welcome and safety for all. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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.



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."

Office Hours are generally Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm*

***For the most up to date information, please see
www.BroadwayChurchChicago.com/Calendar**

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