

GATHERING MUSIC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "God That Madest Earth and Heaven" (Reginald Heber) Tim Barnes, organ

### OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of Christ, come and bring your gentle clarity to our most intimate stories. Tend with us the uglier things we hold silently in our hearts or live outwardly toward our neighbors. Whether contempt or arrogance, fear or trauma—give us the courage to notice. Make us aware of ourselves, that we may tend what keeps us from right-relationship to love, to kin, to ourselves. We long to grow in healing and repair. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord"

United Methodist Hymnal # 419

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MUSIC MINISTRY "Lift

"Lift Me Up" (Andy Beck)

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.

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt. "Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: 'I give you thanks, O God, that I'm not like others—greedy, crooked, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.' The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn't. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message Lee Rollins

TIME FOR OFFERING

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

Blessed Redeemer, we acknowledge the times and ways we are motivated by ego or individual righteousness. We honor the inevitability of our human messiness even as we seek to align our actions with a more satisfying orientation. The motivation of flourishing—for ourselves, each other, and the land. We dedicate these offerings in service to all the world needs in order to thrive. May it be so and soon. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"

The Faith We Sing # 2131

## SENDING FORTH

We are born into a tapestry of belonging
Ego and arrogance sever us from the web that makes us
Shame and guilt snuff out the light of our lives
Let us go with humble confidence in our place in the whole of things
Neither above nor below
but always beside each other,
assured the Spirit accompanies us
Amen.

POSTLUDE excerpt from "Toccata in D minor" by J.S. Bach 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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Office Hours are generally Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm\*

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