



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2026



Human Relations

Worship Service

Sunday

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

"Bind Us Together"

Tim Barnes, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

Guide our feet, God. Show us the light of grace whenever we judge others harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Spirit, Working in Creation"

[see insert]

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

Isaiah 49:5-9

Thus says YHWH, who formed me in the womb to be God's Servant, who destined me to bring back the children of Jacob and gather again the people of Israel: "It is not enough for you to do my bidding, to restore the tribes of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Thus says YHWH, the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One, to the one deeply despised, the one abhorred by nations, the one enslaved by despots: "Rulers will stand when you walk in the room and court officials will pay homage because of YHWH, who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel, who chose you." Thus says YHWH: "At the time of my favor I will answer you, on the day of salvation I will help you. I will keep you, and appoint you to be a covenant people. I will restore the land and assign you the properties that have lain waste. I will say to the prisoners, 'Come out!' and to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves!' Congested roadways will become places where they can safely graze, and barren heights will become lush pastureland for them."

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

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

READING FROM THE WORLD

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Glory to God" (M. Haugen)

TIME FOR 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

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:35-42

The next day, John was by the Jordan again with two of his disciples. Seeing Jesus walk by, John said, "Look! There's the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They replied, "Rabbi,"—which means "Teacher"—"where are you staying?" "Come and see," Jesus answered. So they went to see where he was staying, and they spent the rest of the day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. One of the two who had followed Jesus after hearing John was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find Simon Peter and say, "We've found the Messiah!"—which means "the Anointed One." Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, who looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon ben-Jonah; I will call you 'Rock'"—that is, "Peter."

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

"What does religion teach us about humanity and human relations?"

Mounir Alliti-Islamic perspective; Rishab Chatty-Hindu perspective; Rev. Alka Lyall-Christian

CLOSING HYMN

"This Is My Song"

United Methodist Hymnal # 437 vs. 1, 2, 1

SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, as we leave this place, remember: God, who chose us before our birth, who calls us and knows us by name, now sends us out into the world—to bring light to those who don't know it yet, comfort to those who grieve, and hope to those who despair. So let us go and do likewise!

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

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.

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