

# Broadway United Methodist Church

## Commit. Seek. Share. 2026

### Fifth Sunday of Lent



rooted in justice, mercy,  
& faithfulness

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 11 a.m.

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#### GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Tim Barnes, organ

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness" United Methodist Hymnal # 140

#### OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, when you speak, we don't want to miss it. When you move through the trees, or whisper into our dreams, we don't want to miss it. So today we pray, clear our hearing. Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds. Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today. With hope we pray. **Amen.**

#### WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*[Please use the Friendship Pads, click [here](#), or scan 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

At daybreak, [Jesus] reappeared in the Temple area, and when the people started coming to him, Jesus sat down and began to teach them. A couple had been caught in the act of adultery, though the scribes and Pharisees brought only the woman, and they made her stand there in front of everyone. “Teacher,” they said, “This woman has been caught in the act of adultery. In the Law of Moses, the punishment for this act is stoning. What do you say about it?” They were posing this question to trap Jesus so that they could charge him with something. Jesus simply bent down and started tracing on the ground with his finger. When they persisted in their questioning, Jesus straightened up and said to them, “Let the person among you who is without sin throw the first stone at her.” Then he bent down again and wrote on the ground. The audience drifted away one by one, beginning with the elder. This left Jesus alone with the woman, who continued to stand there. Jesus finally straightened up again and said, “Where did they go? Has no one condemned you?” “No, one, Teacher,” came the reply. “I don’t condemn you either. Go on your way—but from now on, don’t sin any more.”

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN

“Let Us Remember”

[see insert]

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

READING FROM THE WORLD “The Things That Matter Most” by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

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MUSIC MINISTRY

“Draw the Circle Wide” (Mark Miller)

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.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 23:23

[Jesus said:] “Woe to you religious scholars and you Pharisees, you frauds! You pay your tithes on mint, dill and cumin while neglecting the weightier matters of the Law—justice, mercy and faithfulness! These you should have practiced, without neglecting the others.”

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

“The good news is... rooted in justice, mercy & faithfulness”

Rev. Victor Melad, Jr., District Superintendent, Lake North District, Northern Illinois Conference

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Ain't-a That Good News!”

[see insert]

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. To give online, scan the QR code at right or visit us at [BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give](http://BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give). Thank you for your commitment to God’s purposes through our faith community!]*



\*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

**Life-Giving Spirit, take these gifts and let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in this weary world. May our offerings, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that abundant life is possible in you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Pass It On”

United Methodist Hymnal # 572

\*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, When we meet anger, may we speak in love. When we meet fear, may we show up with courage. When we meet pain, may we act with resilience. But no matter what, may we speak of the good news of God’s love and justice for all. May it be so always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“All People That on Earth do Dwell” (Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

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**

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