

# Broadway United Methodist Church

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## GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

“We Meet You O Christ, in Many a Guise”

Tim Barnes, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

God, we look for you all around us but always, you are as close as our own breath. Forgive us for our struggles to remember that you are also near and within all our neighbors. The ones attacked, the ones policed, the ones condemned, the ones who are hungry, the ones turned away. In those we wound, you are wounded also, but when we honor the flesh of another, you are honored too. May we be mindful of it even as we celebrate this beautiful morning in fellowship with you and our neighbors. **Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Child of God”

Mark A. Miller

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*[Please use the Friendship Pads, click [here](#), or scan the QR code to mark your presence with us.]*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS



YHWH, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!  
 You have placed your glory above the heavens!  
 From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise,  
 to answer your adversaries and to silence the hostile and vengeful.  
 When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars which you set in place—  
 what is humanity that you should be mindful of us?  
 You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor.  
 You have made us responsible for the works of your hands, putting all things at our feet—  
 All sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea  
 And whatever swims the path of the seas.  
 YHWH, our Sovereign, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

May God bless the reading and hearing of this word.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “Abraham Journeyed to a New Country”

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D  
 (“MORNING HAS BROKEN”)

Abraham journeyed to a new country;  
 Sarah went with him, journeying too.  
 Slaves down in Egypt fled Pharaoh's army;  
 Ruth left the home and people she knew.

Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order;  
 Soldiers were coming! They had to flee.  
 Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border;  
 So was our Lord a young refugee.

READING FROM THE WORLD

Excerpt from “The Politics of Human Dignity”

JASMINE DEVADASON

[HTTPS://POLITICALTHEOLOGY.COM/THE-POLITICS-OF-HUMAN-DIGNITY/](https://politicaltheology.com/the-politics-of-human-dignity/)

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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](https://BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give). Thank you for your commitment to God’s purposes through our faith community!]*



**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

Faithful Spirit, bless our offerings to the story of our survival—to what we have made it through, to the sometimes heroic efforts taken to get through the day. Bless our offerings to the Fierce Love that flows through and beyond our mere survival. **Amen.**

## SECOND READING

Genesis 12:1-9

YHWH said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people, and the home of your parents, and go to a place I will show you. I will make of you a great people. I will bless you and make your name so great that it will be used in blessings. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you. And all the people on the face of the earth will be blessed through you.”

Abram, who was 75 years old when he left Haran, began the journey as YHWH had instructed, and his nephew Lot went with them. Abram took Sarai his spouse, Lot, all their possessions, and all the dependents they acquired in Haran, and set out for Canaan.

When they arrived in Canaan, Abram and his family traveled through the land until they arrived at the sacred place at Shechem and came to the oak grove of Moreh. The Canaanites occupied the land at that time.

YHWH appeared to Abram and said “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar where YHWH appeared to him. They moved off toward the hill country east of Bethel and set up camp, with Bethel toward the sea and Ai to the east. Abram built an altar to YHWH and invoked the Name of YHWH. After that they traveled in stages toward the Negev.

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**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

## HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*[The United Methodist Church practices “open communion” which means that any and all who respond to the invitation are welcome to share in the Sacrament. You are invited to exit from one end of your pew and return by the other end of the pew at the direction of the ushers. We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament. You may bring your food offering (see “As We Are Fed” under today’s announcements) as you come to receive the elements of Communion.]*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

“Abraham Journeyed to a New Country”

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D  
("Morning Has Broken")  
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Some heard the promise — God's hand would bless them!  
Some fled from hunger, famine and pain.  
Some left a place where others oppressed them;  
All trusted God and started again.

Did they know hardship? Did they know danger?  
Who shared a home or gave them some bread?  
Who reached a hand to welcome the stranger?  
Who saw their fear and gave hope instead?

God, our own families came here from far lands;  
We have been strangers, "aliens" too.  
May we reach out and offer a welcome  
As we have all been welcomed by you.

\*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, let us go forth attuned to the Wild Love that lives inside of us and the Wild Love that flows beyond us.  
For the Spirit blesses us with inner wisdom and inherent worth— tools for co-creating a wide story of Liberation. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Come Thou Almighty”

Tim Barnes, organ

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