

SIX STONE JARS

The Economy of Jesus

6-Week Fall Sermon Series

August 30, 2026

Broadway United Methodist Church

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GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

“Bind Us Together”

Tim Barnes, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

God of Abundance, we come to you today, lifting to you our emptiness, our longing, our hoping for a better world. In the midst of our fear, remind us of your transforming and overflowing love and the jars of plenty out of which we can live abundantly in service to all people, especially those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

United Methodist Hymnal #117 v. 1, 3, 5

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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Welcome to worship- God's beloved!

YES I AM WELCOME!

Bienvenidas y Bienvenidos

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

READING FROM THE WORLD

SECOND READING

John 2:1-11

Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration. At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus's mother told him, "They have no wine." Jesus replied, "Mother, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you." As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim. "Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed.

The caterer tasted the water—which had been turned into wine—without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables. Since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first, then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!" Jesus performed the first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

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 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.

TIME FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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

**For a safe world, oh God of Justice; for a gentle world, oh Christ Child;
for a world where the wisdom of caregiving is revered— this is how we dedicate our offerings. Bless it to the same, O Divine Provider. AMEN.**

*CLOSING HYMN

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

United Methodist Hymnal #399

*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds,
The jars are full in the Kin-dom of God.
The house is full of the hope we need and the hope we are called to give away. We are transformed in the economy of Jesus, bearing the witness of grace.
And so, let us go, doing likewise in the world, with the help of God,
the guidance of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“My Hope is Built”

Tim Barnes, organ

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A miscalculation had occurred.

The wedding guests had drunk all the wine before the party was over.

At times, life feels like we’re “running out” and scarcity is shutting down the party. In these moments, we are invited to turn to the economy of Jesus.

An economy where the true measure of abundance is fullness for the whole community, not just for some.

In this 6-week series, we are invited to build that Kin-dom by drawing from jars of Hope, Purpose, Healing, Meaning, Vision, and Grace for all people.

**Aug 30 “Fill My House with Hoping”
Sept 6 “Fill My Plans with Purpose”
Sept 13 “Fill My Wounds with Healing”**

**Sept 20 “Fill My Days with Meaning”
Sept 27 “Fill My Future with Vision”
Oct 4 “Fill My Cup with Grace”**

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.



ROADWAY'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 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

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