

SIX STONE JARS

The Economy of Jesus

6-Week Fall Sermon Series

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Broadway United Methodist Church

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GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Tim Barnes, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

God of Transformation, we come to you today, weary from fishing on the same old side of the boat, frustrated that the tools we have often fail to yield the results we desire. In the midst of our striving, remind us that we can choose new ways of doing things, to shift our perspective so that we may see the rich blessings you have in store, if only we know where to look. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

The Faith We Sing #2128

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

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

Luke 5:1-11

One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets." Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank.

After Simon saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, "Leave me, Rabbi, for I'm a sinner." For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, as were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now you'll fish among humankind." And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

Miranda Denler

TIME FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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**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

**Save us, change us, shift our consciousness towards your consciousness, oh God,
whose body is the Cosmos. Steady our purpose, ground us in humility, awaken us to
the wisdom of the planet. Bless our resources to the thriving of all being everywhere.
Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

United Methodist Hymnal #529 vs 1, 3, 4

*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, remember in the Kin-dom of God, the plans are full of the meaning we need and the
meaning we are called to offer others. We have heard the call to invest our interest in the
transformation of our communities. 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

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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.



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 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

***For the most up to date information, please see**
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