

"Believe in a love that is being stored up for you like an inheritance, and have faith that in this love there is a strength and a blessing so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it."

+ Rainer Maria Rilke, from *Letters to a Young Poet*



Second Sunday in Lent

Broadway United Methodist Church
March 5th, 2023

Broadway United Methodist Church Is a Reconciling Congregation

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For those joining us online today, we ask you to have a candle nearby, which will be lit during our service.

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**All rise in Spirit and stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE

Only Believe
Gisele Dollinger, organ

Bertha R. Frick

GREETING & AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

Leader: Good morning, Broadway! We welcome you in Jesus' name to worship this morning. We are so glad you are here both in person and online. Let us begin our time together by affirming our mission:

All: **As followers of Jesus Christ, responding to God's love, our mission as the people of Broadway Church is to be a multicultural, Christian community that in its ministry seeks, welcomes, and values all people.**

ACOLYTES & CANDLE LIGHTING

I Love You, Lord, Today

I love you, I love you
I love you Lord today
Because you care for me in such special way
That's why I praise you
I lift you up and I magnify your name
That's why my heart is filled with praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

ALL: **We are learning to follow Jesus.**

One: When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination,

ALL: **Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.**

One: When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

ALL: **Christ, be our midwife as we accept God's call to be reborn.**

One: When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we've been and where we're going,

ALL: **Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.**

One: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

ALL: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN**

Blessed Assurance

Red Hymnal, #369

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***Children should come forward, if they choose, for the Children's Sermon
as Jesus Loves Me is played.***

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. (NRSV)

RESPONSE:

Leader: Holy Words. Holy Wisdom.

People: Thanks be to God.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***DOXOLOGY** Tune: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Red Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (NRSV)

RESPONSE:

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Broadway UMC Chancel Choir

Douglas Wagner

SERMON

For God So Loved the World
Rev. Aaron Hobbs

SHARING OF PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung responsively)

Black Hymnal, #2278

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

Pastor: When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

Pastor: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from bondage to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Pastor: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Michelle Palmer & John Cook

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (in unison)

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***The Ministers of this Church
are its members assisted by:***

Bishop Julius C. Trimble

Pastor:

Rev. Aaron Hobbs

Sr. Associate Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Shonda Nicole Gladden

Organist & Handbell Director:

Gisele Dollinger

Artist in Residence:

Wolff von Roos

Minister of Sound and Light:

Jim Fore^v

Head Usher:

Lisa Hopper

Administrative Assistants:

Karen, Max & Marlo

McAleavey

Bookkeeper:

Carmen Johnson

Facility Manager:

Cathy Pilarski

Custodian:

Jesse Gearlds

Roving Listener:

De'Amon Harges^v

Lay Leaders:

Ann Chernish^v &

Hope Tribble^v

Lay Delegate to Annual

Conference:

Joanne Solomon^v

v - Volunteer

***CLOSING HYMN**

Shout to the Lord

Black Hymnal, #2074

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Muriel Dillon

Gisele Dollinger, organ

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***The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in honor of Broadway's new members.***

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Worship Leaders:

Rev. Aaron Hobbs and Rev. Dr. Shonda Nicole Gladden

Musicians:

Gisele Dollinger

Broadway UMC Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon:

Rev. Aaron Hobbs

Reader:

Lee Hartsock

Ushers:

Lisa Hopper and Barbara McGahey-Frain

Tech/AV:

Jim Fore

Worship Bulletin:

Karen McAleavey

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 8th - Immigration & Religion with Guest Lecturer, Dr. Julia Fogg

4:00pm & 7:00pm | University of Indianapolis (1400 Campus Dr)

The Bible has been an important resource for many immigrants, migrants, and border crossers. Jesus himself crossed geographical as well as political, religious, and social borders. Hearing the stories of immigrants today opens up new understandings of biblical narratives for Christians, and challenges all of us to attend more closely, and even be transformed by the experiences of our neighbors. On Wednesday, March 8th, at 4:00pm and 7:00pm, the University of Indianapolis Showers Lectureship welcomes Dr. Julia Fogg, who will present on *Immigration & Religion: Stories from the Border and the Bible*. For more information or to reserve your spot for this free event, please visit: <https://news.uindy.edu/events/immigration-and-religion-stories-from-the-border-and-the-bible-showers-lecture/>

Wednesday, March 8th - Bell Choir & Chancel Choir Rehearsals

6:30pm - 7:15pm Bell Choir | 7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir | Beck Hall (609 E 29th St)

Bell Choir rehearsals are held each Wednesday from 6:30-7:15pm in Beck Hall. For more information contact Gisele Dollinger at giseledoll223@gmail.com. Chancel Choir rehearsals are held each Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm in Beck Hall. For more information contact Rev. Shonda Nicole Gladden at sgladden@broadwayumc.org.

Thursday, March 9th - Thursday Morning Book Group

11:00am | Please call for Info

The Thursday morning book group meets each Thursday at 11:00am at the home of Dolores Heaton. The group is currently reading *Then They Came for Me* by Martin Niemoller. For more information, or if you would like to participate, please contact Ann Chernish at (317) 459-3436.

Thursday, March 9th - Coffee with Pastor Aaron

11:00am - Noon | Coat Check Coffee (401 E Michigan St)

Join Pastor Aaron for coffee and a conversation. Text Aaron at (317) 502-2833 if you plan to stop by, and he'll keep an eye out...and he'll buy the first round!

Tuesday, March 14th - Broadway Ladies' Luncheon

11:00am | Good Morning Mama's Cafe (1001 E 54th St)

The Ladies of Broadway will be meeting on Tuesday, March 14th, for lunch at Good Morning Mama's Cafe at 11:00am. Please contact Joanne Solomon at jsjsolo@aol.com or (317) 257-4737 if you plan to attend so she can make reservations that morning.

Sunday, March 26th - United Women in Faith Baby Shower & Luncheon

11:00am | Backstage at Broadway (609 E 29th St)

Join us for a Soup, Salad, and Dessert Luncheon and Baby Shower on Sunday, March 26th, after the worship service. The baby shower is for the Wee Ones in the Breanna Leath Dorm of the Indiana Women's Prison.

Women who enter incarceration while they are pregnant are allowed to keep their babies with them if their sentences are short enough to allow them to leave prison 36 months after the baby is born. Indiana tax payers, however, do not fund the baby care, so people such as our congregation may give diapers, wipes, or gift cards for Walmart, Amazon, Kroger, drugstores, etc. for the upkeep of the Wee Ones. The food will be good and the hospitality great. Everyone, please come!

Friday, March 24th - Sunday, March 26th - Glorious: The Revival

Various Times | Ben Davis High School Theatre (1200 N Girls School Rd)

Experience the Historical Origin of the Indianapolis Black Church as iibada Dance Company presents Glorious: The Revival, March 24th - 26th at the Ben Davis High School Theatre. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://iibadadance.org/glorious-the-revival>.



SAVE THE DATE!

PRIDE 2023

Mark Your Calendars: The 2023 Pride Parade is on Saturday, June 10th, 2023. Looking for volunteers to manage the t-shirts, give-a-ways and float design in the March/April time frame. Reach out to Nancy Stortz via text at (765) 516-4954 if you would like to take on a leadership role.

BROADWAY DAY CAMP

Broadway Day Camp 2023 will be held the week of June 12th - June 16th. Mark your calendars now for this fun-filled week! Applications will be available this spring.



Remembering Broadway's History in our 150th Year...

While the congregation was in the Broadway and 22nd Street Church buildings (the stone church and the gym in the wood frame building) a significant aspect for Broadway's future were the Sunday School Classes. A Young Married Peoples Class organized in 1912 with 16 members grew to 238 members by 1915. The secret to this growth was that each one asked others to come.

Ten years later, in 1922, a second group of young married people was organized in the Church Tower Room. Ten to twelve couples were charter members. They called themselves Win-More-Homebuilders. Through the years, the class supplied the church with teachers, scout leaders, leaders of the congregation, leaders in the women's organizations, and two of their children became ministers of the gospel. Win-More-Home-Builders continued to be a stabilizing influence for the church during the years of change through the years to come.

Mary Beth Glossbrenner McFall (Mrs. Merrill McFall) gives an amusing account of the boys and girls Sunday School Classes, which met in the gymnasium at the 22nd Street Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church. There was a curtain between the two classes. The girls' teacher was interesting, but could not compete with the boys' teacher on the other side of the curtain. So Sunday after Sunday the girls would sit as near the curtain as they could and listen to the boys' lesson while pretending to hear their own.

Rev. Dr. Joseph N. Greene was pastor of the church during most of the World War I years. It was during his ministry that the stone building at 22nd and Broadway was occupied and the indebtedness paid. The building cost about \$50,000 and Dr. Greene had this to say at the time of the mortgage burning on Easter, 1918: "A debt of over \$10,000 hung over the congregation until a few months ago. But today, April 21, 1918, we burn the last note and celebrate our freedom from debt."

In the program that day, the nineteen former pastors of the church are listed, and during the week two of them, Dr. Worth Tippy and Charles Bacon spoke. It was suggested in the notice that with these two men on the program everyone would have a lively and joyous time.

