

Rejoice





BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 p.m.

December 24, 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS

FINDING HOME

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us for worship today.

Visitors: Please record your **complete address**, as well as your name, on the registers. We'd like to send you a greeting! If you would like to take a short tour of the church building and grounds, meet one of our greeters at the Welcome Center after the service.

Hearing enhancement aids, large print hymnals and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Stewardship Cards: As you worship with the Broadway community today, you are invited to share in a personal way. The orange card that is in the pew pockets is for you to express how you are or might be in service to God and community this week. It is also a place for you to share prayer concerns. Use as much or as little of the card as you like. The cards will be viewed **ONLY** by the pastors. By placing this card in the offering plate you are symbolically acknowledging your gifts of time and talents to the glory of God.

Song numbers with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. "HS" refers to the black binder *Hymnal Supplement*. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

A Note from the Pastors...

Welcome to Broadway Church on this Christmas Eve! Ours is a community that celebrates the love of God made known in Jesus – called "Emmanuel," which means "God with us."

We believe that God is *with us*, and *for us*. At Broadway we celebrate that God uniquely creates each of us and calls that creation good. We seek to be a multi-cultural community of faith that lives into its anti-racist identity and its affirmation of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We strive to find ways to reach beyond our walls to participate with God in the healing of the world.

We hope we'll see you again soon – Kwanzaa festivities begin Sunday, December 26th at 10 am (more details on page 10). In 2011, we gather every Sunday morning at 8:45 & 11 and throughout the week offer a variety of educational, spiritual formation, and service activities (see our website at www.broadwaychurchchicago.org).

We welcome you to join our faith community as together we seek to make meaning of our lives, trusting in the strength of community and in a God who loves us.

Merry Christmas, Vernice & Lois

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY IN GOD'S STORY

Prelude **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** M. Praetorius
[Tim Barnes, organ]

First Lesson *from the Prophet* **Isaiah 9:2-7**

Music of Gathering

Welcome

***The Call to Worship**

Emmanuel:

God, you are with us.

We have heard the promise of the prophets;

We have caught the notes of an angel's song;

We have seen a star in the heavens, and we have believed.

Tonight we have come to be with you because you have come to be with us.

We seek an innocent, helpless baby in a crude manger;

We seek a Messiah who will reign with justice;

And you, who are the weakest and the strongest, the most humble and the most mighty, have found us and brought us home.

Now we may find ourselves at home with you.

Now we may love each other, now we may truly worship you,

Crying aloud with the heavenly host: "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth and goodwill among all people." Amen.

*** Carol** **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing** # 240

* Those who are able, please stand.

(**Bold type** within liturgy indicates congregational response)

Advent Candle-Lighting Ritual

Advent Hymn

Like a Child

FS 2092

HEARING THE STORY

Carol of Hope

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Second Lesson

from the Psalter


from Psalm 96

O sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth!

Sing to God, bless God's name; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is God and greatly to be praised!


 (# 234 refrain) **O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Ascribe to God, O people, ascribe to God glory and strength!

Ascribe to God the glory of God's name! Bring an offering, and come into the courts of the Sovereign!


Worship God in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the earth!


Say among the nations, "God reigns! God has established the world, it shall never be moved.

 **O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before God, who comes to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with truth.

 **O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**



Third Lesson	<i>from the Epistle</i>	Titus 2:11-14
Christmas Carol	The First Noel	# 245 vs. 1-2
Fourth Lesson	<i>from the Gospel</i>	Luke 2:1-7 [from the King James Bible]
Christmas Carol	O Little Town of Bethlehem	# 230 vs. 1, 3
Fifth Lesson	<i>from the Gospel</i>	Luke 2:8-14 [from the King James Bible]
Special Music	O Holy Night [Lamar Adams, soloist; Mark Slima, piano]	Adolphe Charles Adam
Sixth Lesson	<i>from the Gospel</i>	Luke 2:15-20 [from the King James Bible]
*Christmas Carol	Joy to the World	# 246 vs. 1, 4
Seventh Lesson	<i>from the Gospel</i>	John 1:1-14
Christmas Reflection	"Finding Home"	Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN THE STORY

Call to present our tithes and offerings to God

Offertory

***Doxology**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

220 vs. 1

***Prayer for the World at Christmastime**

With heart, mind and body we pray to the Holy One, saying, "Receive our prayer."

*For the healing of the earth: for clear water, clean air, for life in all its variety,
we pray to the Holy One.*

Receive our prayer.

*For the healing of the nations: for peace, justice, understanding, for life in all its variety,
we pray to the Holy One.*

Receive our prayer.

*For the healing of the Church: for wisdom, welcome, love, courage, for faith in all its variety,
we pray to the Holy One.*

Receive our prayer.

*For those who suffer, in our midst and in our world: for relief, justice, rest, and renewal,
we pray to the Holy One.*

Receive our prayer.

*For those who are homeless and for those whose homes are places of violence and abuse: for shelter,
safety and peace,
we pray to the Holy One.*

Receive our prayer.

For the needs of this community, named and held silently in our hearts:

(Here members of the community may call out names of those in need.)

we pray to the Holy One:

Receive our prayer.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

[Please share signs of Christ's peace with those who are seated near you, offering "The Peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you" – or, tonight, "Merry Christmas!"]

THE COMMUNITY KEEPS WRITING THE STORY

*Hymn of Christmas

Silent Night, Holy Night

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[During the singing of the closing hymn, you are invited to light a candle as the light is passed from the aisle; please pass the light to the person next to you as we sing.]

*The Benediction

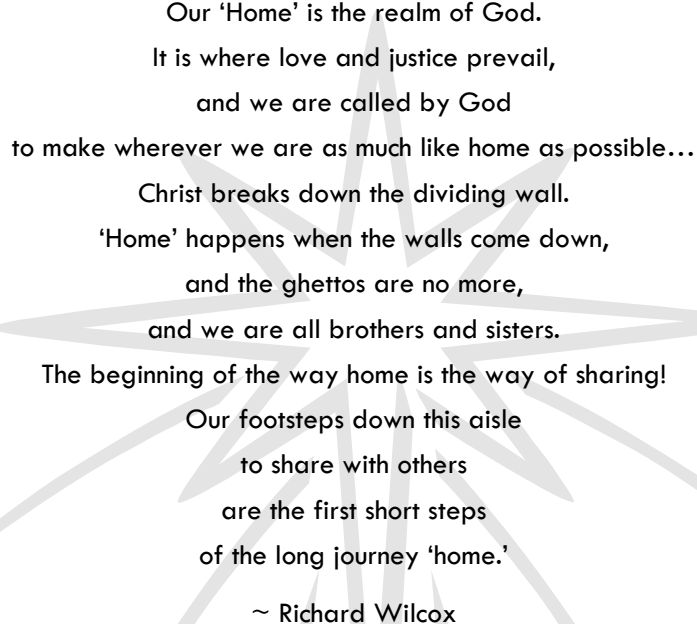
Postlude

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Call to worship adapted from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi

A prayer for the world adapted from *The Church in Her House: A Feminist Emancipatory Prayer Book for Christian Communities*, Marjorie Procter-Smith. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2008.

Words of Centering



Our 'Home' is the realm of God.
It is where love and justice prevail,
and we are called by God
to make wherever we are as much like home as possible...
Christ breaks down the dividing wall.
'Home' happens when the walls come down,
and the ghettos are no more,
and we are all brothers and sisters.
The beginning of the way home is the way of sharing!
Our footsteps down this aisle
to share with others
are the first short steps
of the long journey 'home.'
~ Richard Wilcox

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: All the People

Liturgists: Craig Fitzgerald, Carol McPherson,
and Clinton Nichols

Pianist: Mark Slima

Organist: Tim Barnes



2010 ADVENT Celebrations from the BUMC Family



In Celebration ofThe Gay Men’s Discussion Group..... Given by Anonymous
 In Celebration ofEllen Grimshaw, my mother, on her 100th birthday.....Given by MJ Grimshaw
 In Celebration ofMy granddaughter Jayla’s first Christmas..... Given by Vernice Thorn
 In Celebration ofThe Peace that we all pray for..... Given by Richard Johnson

In Honor of.....Howard Parr, Clayton’s Father Given by Lois and Clayton Parr
 In Honor of.....Dale Lea, the joy of my life and devoted partner of 31 years..... Given by Robert Gorman
 In Honor of.....Good friends Rick Newbury & Bryce Bandstra..... Given by Charolette Lill
 In Honor of.....Mrs. Dean Berkey Given by David Berkey
 In Honor of.....Mr. Dean Berkey..... Given by David Berkey
 In Honor of.....My nephew & nieces, Harvey Andrew, Meredith Anne & Margaret Eleanor Barnes.....

Given by Tim Barnes

In Honor of.....Doris Widebeck Given by Bill Buckland & Don Aubrey
 In Honor of.....Jesus Christ, who said nothing against homosexuality..... Given by Helen Nagel
 In Honor of.....My mother, Pearl Lohse Harper Given by Randy Harper
 In Honor of.....Agnes Moorehead Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek

In Memory of.....Relatives and friends no longer among us Given by Fran Markwardt
 In Memory of.....Maggie Lee Henson, Bill Richardson, Dina DeAcetis, and Aida Guss Given by Judy DeAcetis
 In Memory of.....Anne Silverstein Conner & Lula Smith..... Given by Sarah Conner Smith
 In Memory of.....Jean T. Johnson..... Given by James J. Johnson
 In Memory of.....Joaquina Barrios & Joel Barrios..... Given by Elina Rodriguez
 In Memory of.....John P. Van Hying, brother Given by Mark W. Van Hying
 In Memory of.....Reedy and Mavis G. Melton..... Given by Reed Melton
 In Memory of.....J. Herbert & Viola Williams..... Given by Matthew Williams
 In Memory of.....Rev. Glen & Mary Sutton Given by Rev. David & Anita Herr
 In Memory of.....Barbara Buckland..... Given by Bill Buckland & Don Aubrey
 In Memory of.....Rev. & Mrs. John G. P. Sherburne Given by Theo Lambos
 In Memory of.....Irene Girard (my aunt)..... Given by Irene Bourgeois
 In Memory of.....My son Lawrence & siblings Albert, George and Rosetta, and mother Florence.....

Given by Floretha Reid

In Memory of.....Bernice Raidonis, mother..... Given by Perle Raidonis
 In Memory of.....My parents..... Given by Helen Nagel
 In Memory of.....My father, Raymond Brock Harper 1923 - 2002 Given by Randy Harper
 In Memory of.....Quintin Vanden Hoek & Loretta Star Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek
 In Memory of.....Mom, Dad, Betty, Gerry, Grandma and Mickey Given by Robert Gorman
 In Memory of.....Our parents: Lenora Haab Parr; Jim and Jinny McCullen.... Given by Lois and Clayton Parr
 In Memory of.....My parents, Bert and Anne Johnson..... Given by Richard Johnson

2010 KWANZAA CELEBRATION

December is almost synonymous with the word celebration. Even those of us who find this to be an extremely troubling time, for various reasons, cannot deny the festive feel in the air. It is certain we have individual impressions of what it means to celebrate, yet, most of us participate or ritualize the holidays in some manner during this month.

Christmas Day we celebrate new birth and God's continued presence in the world. So it is very appropriate that we come together as community to celebrate Kwanzaa, a commemoration rooted in the first harvest celebrations practiced in various cultures in Africa. Kwanzaa allows us, especially in our diversity, to embrace a message of hope and solidarity. The seven principles are values and goals that affect all of us, regardless of race or ethnicity. They are celebration stories, each principle affirming our awareness of God, strengthening our trust in our Creator and each other, as we work together to bring about healing, justice and wholeness. With conviction and passion the principles help us to face life with determination, unity, creativity, purpose and faith.

Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration which continues to evolve into an invitation to all people to celebrate the beauty and the contributions of people of African descent. Broadway United Methodist Church, friends and family are invited to celebrate all seven principles beginning Sunday, December 26th, and ending on Friday the 31st with a community potluck and the sharing of homemade gifts. Last year was an exciting time and this year will be that plus more. Kwanzaa is hosted by People of Color Discussion Group and The Anti-Racist White Caucus.



Kwanzaa 2010 Schedule:

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| December 26th | <u>One</u> Sunday morning service <u>at 10:00 am</u> |
| December 27 – 30th | 7 pm (Wesley Room) |
| December 31st | Potluck and gift exchange <u>at 6:30 pm</u>
(Wesley Room and Friendship Hall) |

We hope that you will consider sharing in this time of remembering and visioning as we move together into a new year!

Coming in January

Saturday 1 January

Christmas Open House at the Parsonage,
1-5 pm

Sunday 2 January

Planning Meeting for MLK, Jr Community
Dinner, 12:30 pm

Tuesday 3 January

Gay Men's Discussion Group begins again, Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 5 January

Authors Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain (*Yearning for God*) will join Book Study, 7 pm

Saturday 8 January

Environment Room Clean-Up and Organization, 10 am-2 pm

Sunday 9 January

Congregational Forum, 12:30pm -- envisioning our future for "every member in ministry"

Wednesday 12 January

Haiti Memorial Service, 6 pm, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Saturday 15 January

Multicultural Seminar, 10 am-1 pm

Reconciling Ministries Winter Warming Gathering 4-7 pm; carpool to Euclid Avenue UMC

Sunday 16 January

Worship Alive! Workshop in Rogers Park, 2-5 pm

Monday 17 January

Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in our Annual CommUNITY Dinner

Tuesday 18 January — Tuesday 25 January: Week of Prayer

Saturday 29 January

Education Rally, 10 am-1 pm

Sowers Retreat, 1-5 pm

Sunday 30 January

Church/Charge Conference at 12:30 pm



More details on January events can be found in our January newsletter, which will be available on our website by Jan. 4 (www.broadwaychurchchicago.org under "Resources" and then "Newsletters")

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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.”



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