

Order of Worship

PRELUDE: A Song of Joy Cynthia Dobrinski
The Celebration Ringers, Dr. Joel Panciera, director

INTROIT

(Those who are able, please stand.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O Worship the King 73

GREETING The Reverend Dr. William Tankersley

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me." Let us pray.

(Please be seated.)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

COLLECT *(in unison)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(To be sung by all)*

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Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE INVITATION *(The Minister)*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God. Let us pray.

(Please be seated.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to thee: Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness: and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF THE 2012 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES
OUR OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS

(Worshippers are asked to fill out the registration form as it is passed along the pew, then pass the form back down the row.)

OFFERTORY: Giocoso Andrew Carter

ANTHEM: The Heart's Offering arr. Antony Baldwin

The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Psalm 148

Gustav Holst

The Chancel Choir (11:00)

THE GOSPEL John 14: 1-14

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Reverend Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

"IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY ROOMS!"

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

PREFACE

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS *(Please stand and sing.)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

Minister: Let us pray. *(Please be seated.)*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and didst institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and bless and sanctify with thy Word and Holy Spirit these thy gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them

according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his passion, death, and resurrection, may be partakers of the divine nature through him:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ❖ Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ❖ **Amen.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Please join in singing.)*

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We celebrate an open table. All who are led to live a Christian life are welcome. If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the altar, please notify an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

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| The Call | Z. Randall Stroope |
| The Chapel Choir (8:30) | |
| Sweet Prospect | Bob Chilcott |
| The Chancel Choir (11:00) | |

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF INVITATION: He Leadeth Me

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(During the hymn, you are invited to join our congregation by transfer of your membership or profession of faith.)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

(During the Choral Response, the congregation will sing on cue.)

**May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

POSTLUDE: O Worship the King arr. Paul Laubengayer



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY

∞ WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE HANDBELL CONCERT ∞
Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Community Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All classes begin at 9:40 a.m.

Child care & enrichment sessions for Infants – Preschoolers: 8:00 – noon
 Faith Academy sessions for 4-yr-olds – 5th Graders: 9:40, 10:40, & 11:00

| <i>Children & Youth</i> | | <i>Adults</i> | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Room</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Room</u> |
| Newborns/Infants | E106 | College & Career | Jub. Lounge |
| Toddlers | E102 | Cornerstone | J120 |
| Nursery 1 | E104 | Disciples | J228 |
| Nursery 2 | E110 | Ephphatha | Oxford |
| Preschool | J122/E114 | Heritage | J229 |
| Kindergarten | J122/E115 | Homebuilders | J222 |
| 1 st Grade | E214/E215 | Horizons | J220 |
| 2 nd Grade | E212/E215 | Journey | J130 |
| 3 rd Grade | E210/E204/Choir | Maranatha | J221 |
| 4 th Grade | E201/E204/Choir | New Covenant | Asbury |
| 5 th Grade | E204/E204/Choir | New Frontiers | J230 |
| 6 th – 8 th Grades | 3 rd Floor | Pastor's Bible | Sanctuary |
| 9 th – 12 th Grades | 4 th Floor | Pilgrimage | Little Dining |
| | | Roundtable | J227 |
| | | Seek & Discover | J128 |
| | | Wesley Fellowship | Comm. Hall |

For more detailed information, please pick up a copy of our Sunday School brochure in any of the information centers around the church.

BOSTON AVENUE WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Serving children 4 months to 5 years of age

For information, call Patty Banes, Director, at 918-699-0112.

Did You Know?

Today we celebrate our Seniors and their families! Our Seniors come from over 16 different high schools across the Tulsa area. It has been a joy to watch them grow up and provide leadership in so many areas within our church family: Chapel Choir, Sunday School, LIT, Interfaith, BAY Troupe, BABA, Mission, DTBA... they're EVERYWHERE! Congratulations, Seniors – may God bless you as you take the next step in your faith journey!

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

If you would like to make Boston Avenue your new church home, please complete the following and bring it to the altar during the closing hymn.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Desire Christian Baptism

Already Baptized

WELCOME TO THE BOSTON AVENUE CHURCH

We are delighted to have you worship with us today! Our ministers will be in the hallways immediately following both services to greet you and answer your questions. There are also information centers located at both stairways to the balcony, next to the Parlor, and near the Information Desk in Bishops' Hall, where you may pick up information about our building and upcoming events. We also invite you to visit our website at www.bostonavenue.org to read our church newspaper, The Word, and to learn even more about our church and its ministries. Any time you cannot be here with us in person, please worship with us live on KTUL-TV Channel 8 Sunday mornings at 11:00.

NEW MEMBER

Shaun Rinehart, 506 N Cheyenne Ave, Tulsa, 74103, 539-832-3744

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of **Dick Barber**, whose birthday was May 19,
from June Barber and family.

In celebration of **Fuller Kane Shannon**, whose 3rd birthday is May 19,
by his grandmother, Beverly Golden.

In celebration of her parents, **Jeannine and Armon Bost**,
whose birthdays were in May, by Beverly Golden.

In memory of **Tom Golden**, whose birthday was May 24,
by Beverly, Dathel Grosshart, and Laura and Kyle Shannon.

In loving memory of **Bettye McCarley** from her husband, Bob McCarley.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Large print bulletins for the Sunday morning worship services and
lightweight hearing assistance devices are available.

Please ask an usher for assistance.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Prayers may be requested by filling out a prayer request card, available in
the pew back, and placing it in the box at the back of the Sanctuary,
or by calling our 24-hour Prayer Request Line at 918-699-0158.

Our team will begin praying for your concern today.

CONDUCTED TOUR

A thirty-minute tour of our building will begin soon after the 11:00
service ends. Those who are interested should go to the Library
on the Sanctuary level, and a guide will meet you there.

MINISTERS

Mouzon Biggs EvaMarie Campbell Bill Crowell

Mary Ann Emmons Paul Staat William Tankersley

Senior High Director ~ Audra Fogle **Mid-High Director** ~ Debbie Peterson

Director of Music ~ Joel Panciera **Organist** ~ Susan Panciera



Boston Avenue United Methodist Church

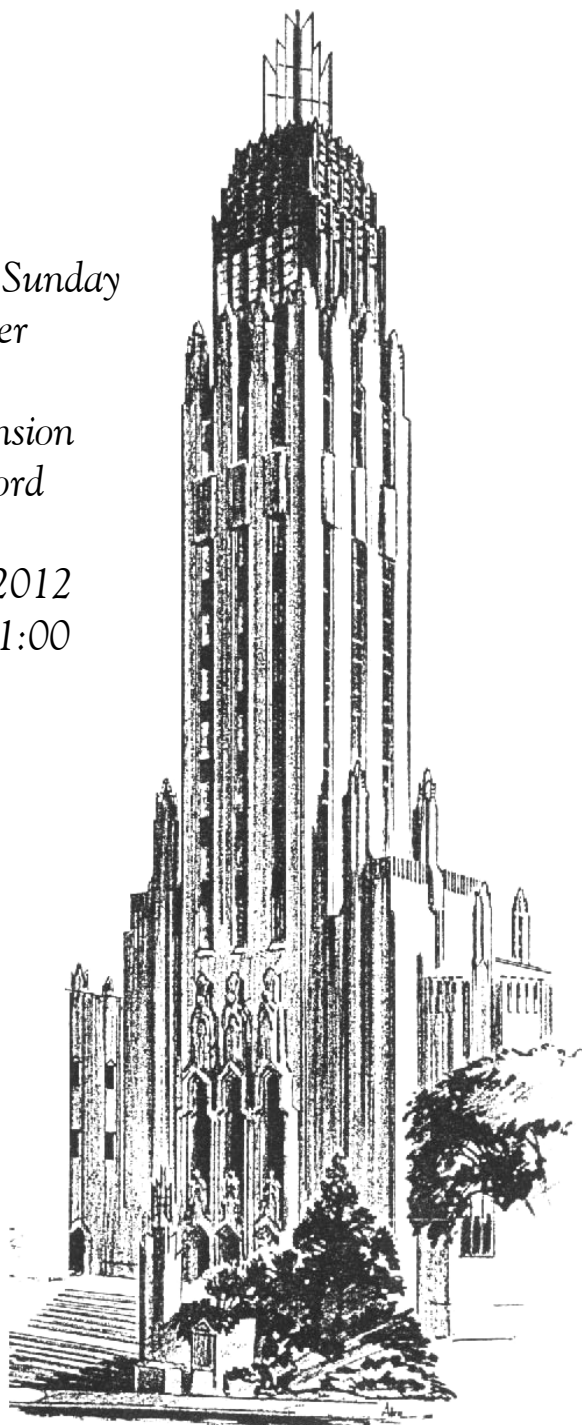
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The Boston Avenue Church United Methodist

*The Seventh Sunday
of Easter*

*The Ascension
of the Lord*

*May 20, 2012
8:30 & 11:00*



A National Historic Landmark

THE REV. DR. MOUZON BIGGS, JR. / SENIOR MINISTER
THE REV. DR. ROBERT E. HAYES, JR. / BISHOP OF OKLAHOMA
THE REV. DR. DANIEL G. PEIL / TULSA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT