



ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

11:00 AM



BOSTON AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE: Alternative Worship Band

CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you!**

WELCOME

SONG: "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" by Jered McKenna

(Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.)

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| <p>1.
Arise shine for your light has come
And the glory of God is on you
Arise see when the earth grows dark
That the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you
Nations will come to your light
Lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
And your love will be all that we know</p> | <p>Nations will come to your light
Lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
And your love will be all that we know</p> |
| <p>2.
Arise come to the open gates
For the Creator is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace
And redemption to all who believe
Redemption to all who believe</p> | <p>3.
The sun will not shine cause you'll be
All the light that we need
And violence will end all the wars
That we wage will cease
We will glorify your name
We will glorify your name
Nations will come to your light
Lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
And your love will be all that we know</p> |

OPENING PRAYER: Lenox Johnson, Liturgist

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SONG: "Draw the Circle Wide" by Mark Miller

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| <p>1.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone,
We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
{x2}</p> | <p>3.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone,
We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.</p> |
| <p>2.
Draw the circle wide,
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song:
No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
{x2}</p> | <p>4.
Draw the circle wide,
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song:
No one stands alone.
Standing side by side,
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
{x3}</p> |

5.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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SONG: "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

1.

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
Save that thou art.
Thou my best thought,
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

3.

Great God of heaven,
My victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

2.

Be thou my wisdom,
And thou my true word;
I ever with thee
And thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only,
First in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
My treasure thou art.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Lenox Johnson, Liturgist

Leader: From the rising of the sun to where it sets, God speaks, calling out to the earth.

People: **We are called and we answer.**

Leader: There is no offering we can make that does not already belong to God. There is no gift we have that was not made by God's own hands.

People: **The perfect gift is our confession, and our determination to live in the light of grace. The perfect sacrifice is the joy of thanksgiving, and our lives being made perfect in love.**

Leader: God is honored when we cry out to the Lord in our time of need.

People: **Holy God, see us as we are. We need You, and we desire to know You as You are. Transfigure our whole selves with truth and grace. By your love we pray. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

OFFERTORY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY:

Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

(If you are visiting this morning, the greatest gift you could offer is to please complete one of the attendance cards located on your seat. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offertory. Providing us with your name and contact information will give us the gift and opportunity to connect with you.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

(We invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. You may light candles for your intentions, sing, or sit in silent contemplation. However it is that you feel like connecting with God in this moment, the Lord says, "come to me.")

SONG: "Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher

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| <p>1.
Lord I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.</p> | <p>Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.</p> |
| <p>2.
Where sin runs deep,
Your grace is more.
Where grace is found
Is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.</p> | <p>3.
So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand,
I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand,
I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.</p> |

PASTORAL PRAYER: Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

(Please rise.)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Mark 9:2-9

Lenox Johnson, Liturgist

Leader: Faithful and true is the Gospel of life.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated.)

SERMON: "Jesus is Confirmed"

Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

SONG: "All Belong Here" by The Many

(Please rise.)

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| <p>1.
When you're not sure
Who you really are,
When all you feel
Is the shape of your scars,
And you have more wounds
Than you can count,
Open your eyes, look all around,
You aren't alone, this is your home.
Come and remember
Who you are here.
Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here.
All belong here.</p> | <p>2.
When you don't know how to forgive,
When locked doors
Seem like the only way to live,
And you've got more questions
Than you can count,
Open your eyes, look all around,
You aren't alone, this is your home.
Come and remember
Who you are here.
Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here.
All belong here.</p> |
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3.
At this table come as you are,
Broken and bleeding's ok.
At this table eat and be filled,
Come and drink in this grace.
Ooo ooo ooo ooo ooo

4.
At this table come as you are,
Broken and bleeding's ok.
At this table eat and be filled,
Come and drink in this grace.
Come and remember who you are here.
Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here.
All belong here.

(Please be seated.)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Like the bread, which Christ broke for his disciples the night before He died, we are all crumbs of the same loaf. A holy body broken and given in love and made whole by the Spirit within us. Like the cup, which Christ blessed and gave to His disciples that same night, we are filled with that one love: a covenant of grace binding us as one in Christ.

And so we ask that You 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 love 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. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We celebrate an open table. All who are led to live a Christian life are welcome. All bread is gluten-free. If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the altar, please notify a greeter, and the elements will be brought to you. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate so by crossing your hands over your heart.)

SONG DURING COMMUNION:

"Love Is Here" by Tenth Avenue North
Alternative Worship Band

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG: "Go Light Your World" by Chris Rice

(Please rise.)

1.
There is a candle in ev'ry soul;
Some brightly burning,
Some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire,
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

2.
So carry your candle,
Run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless
Confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle
And go light your world.
Take your candle
And go light your world.

3.
Frustrated brother,
See how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister,
She's been robbed and lied to,
Still holds a candle without a flame.

4.
So carry your candle,
Run to the darkness,
Seek out the lonely,
The tired and worn.
Hold out your candle, for all to see it.
Take your candle
And go light your world.
Take your candle
And go light your world.

5.
We are a fam'ly
Whose hearts are blazing,
So let's raise our candles
And light up the sky.
Praying to our Father,
In the name of Jesus,
Make us a beacon in darkest times.

6.
Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the helpless,
Deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle
And go light your world.

7.
Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless,
Confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle
And go light your world.
Take your candle
And go light your world.

BENEDICTION



WELCOME TO BOSTON AVENUE!

We're so glad you've chosen to worship with us today! If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the greeters.

A 30-minute guided tour of our historic church building will begin in the Library at 12:15 p.m.

If you want to make Boston Avenue United Methodist Church your church home, you're invited to meet the pastor at the altar during the closing song. If you have questions about church membership, please contact our Director of Welcoming, Belynda Clanton, at: welcome@bostonavenue.org

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Visit bostonavenue.org or text "BAUMC" to 45777 to make a one-time gift or set up recurring giving to the fund of your choice. Thanks for your generosity!

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you need us to pray for you or someone you care about, fill out a prayer request card, call our 24-hour prayer line, (918) 699-0158, or visit our smartphone app or website under "Connect."

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CONNECT WITH ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

ASHES-TO-GO

Join us on Wednesday, February 14th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the North Parking Lot for a drive-through Ash Wednesday experience.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Make plans to join us Saturday, February 17 - Monday, February 19, as Boston Avenue UMC's Barton-Clinton-Gordey committee presents our 2024 Lenten Lecture Series! Visit <https://bit.ly/LentenLecture> today to get your tickets for event meals (Saturday & Sunday evening) and learn more about the series!

UNITY SERVICE

Alternative Worship will be joining the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 18th for a Unity Service as part of our Lenten Lecture Series.

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OUR VISION

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church seeks to be a thoughtful Christian community that connects all people with God's unconditional love.

OUR CORE VALUES

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- A**ffirms everyone is a beloved child of God;
- S**ees spiritual growth as a lifelong journey;
- C**ultivates music, architecture, and the arts as a means of experiencing God
- E**mbraces a reasoned approach to faith and scripture;
- N**urtures our congregation to be ambassadors for reconciliation;
- D**evelops mission partnerships as Christ's love in action;
- S**trives for excellence in service to God.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

EXPERIENCING SCRIPTURE THROUGH LECTIO DIVINA

You are encouraged to experience the story and glory of the Transfiguration through the practice of *lectio divina*, a monastic practice of reading scripture, not to be studied, but as the living word; the word made flesh. This practice usually takes about 20 minutes, so you may want to try it on a lunch break or during a quiet time of your day.

Read Mark 9:2-9. Pay attention to words, images, or phrases that catch your attention and imagination.

Read the passage again, this time meditating on those words or images that caught your attention the first time. What about this strikes your imagination? Where do you see yourself in this story? What feelings arise in you?

Read the passage a third time, slowly. Respond to God from your heart with your own thoughts and feelings. You may journal this if you prefer.

Read the passage for the fourth time. Try and clear your mind of all distractions and listen for God to speak. You may hear something, or you may simply feel a calming presence. There's no right or wrong encounter with God. Simply be in God's presence and allow God to respond to you.

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