



# ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

**The Sunday of the Resurrection  
Easter Sunday**

March 31, 2024

**11:00 AM**



**BOSTON AVENUE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** Alternative Worship Band

**GATHERING:** Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

Leader: The God of the resurrection be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Let us sing of our joy together!

**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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| <b>1.</b><br>Arise shine for your light has come<br>And the glory of God is on you<br>Arise see when the earth grows dark<br>That the Lord will arise upon you<br>The Lord will arise upon you         | <b>4.</b><br>Nations will come to your light<br>Lift up your eyes and see<br>We'll gather together and come to you<br>And your love will be all that we know<br>And your love will be all that we know       |
| <b>2.</b><br>Nations will come to your light<br>Lift up your eyes and see<br>We'll gather together and come to you<br>And your love will be all that we know<br>And your love will be all that we know | <b>5.</b><br>The sun will not shine cause you'll be<br>All the light that we need<br>And violence will end all the wars<br>That we wage will cease<br>We will glorify your name<br>We will glorify your name |
| <b>3.</b><br>Arise come to the open gates<br>For the Creator is welcoming you<br>Fear not for the Lord brings peace<br>And redemption to all who believe<br>Redemption to all who believe              | <b>6.</b><br>Nations will come to your light<br>Lift up your eyes and see<br>We'll gather together and come to you<br>And your love will be all that we know<br>And your love will be all that we know       |

**WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Keith Bethell, Liturgist

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**SONG:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" by Wesley, Parks, & Arnold

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| <b>1.</b><br>Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia;<br>Sons of men and angels say, alleluia.<br>Raise your joys and triumphs high,<br>alleluia;<br>Sing ye heavens and earth reply,<br>alleluia. | <b>2.</b><br>Lives again our glorious King, alleluia;<br>Where, oh death, is now thy sting,<br>alleluia.<br>Dying once He all doth save, alleluia;<br>Where thy victory, oh grave, alleluia. |
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3.  
He is not dead, He is alive;  
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.

4.  
Love's redeeming work is done,  
alleluia;  
Fought the fight, the battle won,  
alleluia.  
Death, in vain, forbids Him rise,  
alleluia;  
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia.

5.  
He is not dead, He is alive;  
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.

(Instrumental break)

6.  
Soar we now where Christ has led,  
alleluia;  
Following our exalted Head, alleluia;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise,  
alleluia;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
alleluia.

7.  
He is not dead, He is alive;  
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.  
[x2]

**SONG: "Happy Day" by Crowder, Cash, & Olds**

1.  
Low in the grave my Savior lay.  
Hell thought it won,  
'Cause there was hell to pay.  
Angels came flying; stone rolled away.  
Hallelujah, happy day

2.  
Woah, Lord, sweet, sweet freedom.  
Woah, sin washed away.  
Woah, Lord, ain't that worth dancing.  
Hallelujah, happy day.

3.  
We gonna stomp  
'Til the earth starts shakin'.  
Louder than thunder,  
We'll sing 'til we can't.  
We gonna try  
And out dance them angels.  
Hallelujah, happy day.

4.  
Woah, Lord, sweet, sweet freedom.  
Woah, sin washed away.  
Woah, Lord, ain't that worth dancing.  
Hallelujah, happy day.

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Low in the grave my Savior lay.  
Hell thought it won,  
But hell hoped in vain.  
Angels came flying; stone rolled away.  
Hallelujah, happy day.

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Keith Bethell, Liturgist**

Leader: On this mountain, the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined. He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken. They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and he has saved us! This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Words of hope for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*(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:** "Canticle" by Guerra & Gaukrodger

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| <p>1.<br/>Christ as a light,<br/>Illumine and guide me.<br/>Christ as a shield,<br/>Overshadow me.<br/>Christ under me,<br/>Christ over me.<br/>Christ beside me<br/>On my left and my right.</p> <p>2.<br/>This day be within and without me,<br/>Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.<br/>Be in the heart<br/>Of each to whom I speak,<br/>In the mouth<br/>Of each who speaks unto me.</p> | <p>This day be within and without me.<br/>Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.<br/>Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.<br/>Lowly and meek and all powerful.</p> <p>3.<br/>Christ as a light,<br/>Christ as a shield,<br/>Christ when I'm standing,<br/>Christ when I kneel.<br/>Christ here beside me<br/>On my left and my right.<br/>Christ all around me<br/>All my days and my nights.<br/>{x5}</p> |
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## **PASTORAL PRAYER:** Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

*(Please rise.)*

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** Mark 16:1-8, CEB

Keith Bethell, Liturgist

Leader: Faithful and true is the Gospel of life.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please be seated.)*

### **SERMON:** "What Do We Do With an Empty Grave?"

Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

## **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

### **SONG:** "New Wine" by Brooke Ligertwood

*(Please rise.)*

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| <p>1.<br/>In the crushing, in the pressing<br/>You are making new wine.<br/>In the soil I now surrender,<br/>You are breaking new ground.<br/>So, I yield to You<br/>And to Your careful hand.<br/>When I trust You<br/>I don't need to understand.</p> | <p>2.<br/>Make me Your vessel,<br/>Make me an offering.<br/>Make me whatever You want me to be.<br/>I came here with nothing,<br/>But all you have given me.<br/>Jesus, bring new wine out of me.</p> |
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In the soil I now surrender.  
You are breaking new ground.  
You are breaking new ground.

4.  
Make me Your vessel,  
Make me an offering.  
Make me whatever You want me to be.  
I came here with nothing,  
But all you have given me.  
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

5.  
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.  
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

6.  
'Cause where there is new wine  
There is new power.  
There is new freedom  
And the kingdom is here.  
I lay down my old flames  
To carry Your new fire today.  
(x2)

7.  
Make me Your vessel,  
Make me an offering.  
Make me whatever You want me to be.  
I came here with nothing,  
But all you have given me.  
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

8.  
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.  
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

*(Please be seated.)*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## 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:

"For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)" by Shirley Erena Murray  
Alternative Worship Band

**COMMUNION BLESSING:** Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

## SENDING FORTH

## CLOSING SONG: "Start A Fire" by Mosely, Mattson, & Lowry

*(Please rise.)*

1.  
Oo oo oo oo  
Oo oo oo oo  
This world can be cold and bitter,  
Feels like we're in the dead of winter.  
Waiting on something better,  
But am I really gonna hide forever?  
Over and over again,  
I hear Your voice in my head:  
"Let Your light shine,  
Let Your light shine for all to see."

2.  
And start a fire in my soul,  
Fan the flame and make it grow  
So there's no doubt or denying.  
Let it burn so brightly  
That everyone around can see  
That it's You, that it's You that we need.  
Start a fire in me.  
Oo oo oo oo

**3.**  
You only need a spark  
To start a whole blaze,  
It only takes a little faith.  
Let it start right here in this city,  
So these old walls  
Will never be the same.  
Over and over again,  
I hear Your voice in my head:  
"They need to know." I need to go.  
Spirit won't You fall on my heart now.

**4.**  
Start a fire in my soul,  
Fan the flame and make it grow  
So there's no doubt or denying.  
Let it burn so brightly  
That everyone around can see  
That it's You, that it's You that we need.  
Start a fire in me.

**5.**  
You are the fire, You are the flame.  
You are the light on the darkest day.  
We have the hope, we bear Your name.  
We carry the news  
That You have come to save.  
Only You can save.

**6.**  
Start a fire in my soul,  
Fan the flame and make it grow  
So there's no doubt or denying.  
Let it burn so brightly  
That everyone around can see  
That it's You, that it's You that we need.  
Start a fire in me.

**7.**  
You are the fire, You are the flame.  
You are the light on the darkest day.  
Start a fire in me.  
Oo oo oo oo  
Oo oo oo

## **BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** Arise, beloveds. Christ is not in the grave, so neither is your hope. Love reigns victorious over all. May you go filled with this love, resurrecting the dead things in your life, and finding healing and wholeness wherever you go. Go in peace and may the peace of Christ go with you. Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed!





## 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](mailto:welcome@bostonavenue.org)

### EASTER OFFERING

If you are able to do so, we invite you to make a special Easter offering to help spread God's message of love and hope to those who need to hear it. This offering helps children and adults of all ages, locally and worldwide, through our mission partners.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Visit [bostonavenue.org](http://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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National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - 988

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## OUR CORE VALUES

### ASCENDS

- 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

In light of our Easter celebration, let's continue to cultivate joy in our lives this week. We've spent the last 46 days being introspective in our spirituality, but joy lays at the heart of all that work. Joy is the outpouring of God's grace and love. I challenge you this week to do one of several things:

1. Commit to playing songs that make you feel joyful every day. Sing them at the top of your lungs! Have fun!
2. Put on your favorite music and have a dance party in your house. Celebrate the joy of being alive, and if you live with others, pull them in! Celebrate their lives and community, as well!
3. Researchers show that the best way to cultivate joy is to practice gratitude. Speak gratitude over every little thing that sparks joy in your heart this week. Find your favorite flower blooming in the garden? Say, "Thank you, Lord, for this joy that fills my heart." Look for all the little things in your daily life that bring joy - from a friendly smile to a beautiful sunset and everything in between.

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