



ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 - 11:00 AM

CENTERING QUESTION

What's the difference between being righteous and looking righteous?



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE: Alternative Worship Band

GATHERING: Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER: Hannah Cawthorn, Liturgist

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SONG: "Start a Fire" by Mosley, Mattson, & Lowry
(Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able)

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

SONG: "Jesus at the Center" by Houghton, Massey, & Ranney

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| <p>1.
Jesus at the center of it all.
Jesus at the center of it all.
From beginning to the end it will always be,
It's always been You, Jesus, Jesus.</p> <p>2.
And nothing else matters;
Nothing in this world will do.
Jesus, You're the center.
Ev'rything revolves around You, Jesus, You.</p> <p>3.
Jesus, be the center of my life.
Jesus, be the center of my life.
From beginning to the end it will always be,
It's always been You, Jesus, Jesus.</p> <p>4.
And nothing else matters;
Nothing in this world will do.
Jesus, You're the center.
Ev'rything revolves around You, Jesus, You.</p> | <p>5.
From my heart to the heavens,
Jesus, be the center.
It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.
(x4)</p> <p>6.
Jesus, be the center of Your church.
Jesus, be the center of Your church.
And ev'ry knee will bow,
And ev'ry tongue shall confess You,</p> <p>7.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.</p> <p>8.
From my heart to the heavens,
Jesus, be the center.
It's all about You. Yes, it's all about You.
(x4)</p> |
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COMMUNITY CONFESSION: Hannah Cawthorn, Liturgist

(From: Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley, adapted by Rev Betsy Stewart-Dooley)

Leader: May God, our home, forgive our appetite for spaces that don't belong to us.

People: May They have mercy on the colonized and the abducted, the refugee and the immigrant, and take us where it's safe and honoring.

Leader: In time may you be liberated out of exile and wildness and delivered back home to yourself.

People: For it is in God we know peace, and through God that we have the courage to return to others the peace which we have taken. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY: Hannah Cawthorn

(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.")

PRAYER SONG: Choctaw Hymn #48

English Translation

1.
Holy Spirit!
You must come,
we are suffering people
We ask for happiness.

3.
Holy Spirit!
Our mind is
in darkness,
You must enlighten us.

2.
Our sleeping hearts
You must come and wake us,
You must pacify us;
we implore you.

PASTORAL PRAYER: Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

(Please stand)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Mark 6:14-29, First Nations Version
Hannah Cawthorn, Liturgist

Leader: Faithful and true is the Gospel of life.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

SERMON: "But the Guests Will See"

Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

SONG: "Canticle" by Guerra & Gaukrodger
(Please stand)

1.

Christ as a light,
Illumine and guide me.
Christ as a shield,
Overshadow me.
Christ under me,
Christ over me.
Christ beside me
On my left and my right.

2.

This day be within and without me,
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,
In the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me.
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.
Lowly and meek, yet all powerful.
Lowly and meek and all powerful.

3.

Christ as a light,
Christ as a shield,
Christ when I'm standing,
Christ when I kneel.
Christ here beside me
On my left and my right.
Christ all around me
All my days and my nights.
(x5)

(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:

"He Will Hold Me Fast (Be Still)" by Habershon & Merker
Alternative Worship Band

COMMUNION BLESSING: Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG: "Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord" by Carol Browning
(Please stand)

1.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
(x2)
2.
Teach us to number our days aright
That we may have wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants.
3.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
4.
Fill us at daybreak with your kindness;
We will sing for joy all our days.
Make us as glad as of old we were sad,
In the years when we saw evil.
5.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
6.
Let your work be seen by your servants
And your glory by their children.
May the gracious care of the Lord our God
be ours.
Prosper the work of our hands.
7.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
Fill us with your love, O Lord,
And we will sing for joy.
(x3)

BENEDICTION: by Rev. Stan Smith

Anki' Chihoowahma
Nanna chokmat lopolli ilaashaka
Tingba finha' ishnaako yakkookay liichimanchi
Ishnaakoot ishanhina nanna chokma loolhopolli
Haatoko ishpobaafokhana liitannowa'ni
Yakoot liichimasilhha
Amen

Our Father God,
here we are, having finished this meeting.
First we give thanks to you.
You are the one that desires that we all
succeed.
So be with us as we go.
This we ask of you.
Amen.

RESOURCE HOTLINES

Tulsa Area Resource Hotline - 211

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - 988

Domestic Violence Hotline - (800) 799-7233 / www.thehotline.org

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

A Light for the Righteous

Blaise Pascal once wrote, "There is enough light for those who desire only to see, and enough darkness for those of a contrary disposition." Consider the question of what it means to be righteous versus to only appear righteous. It is easy to fool ourselves into thinking performative righteousness is enough. Invite the Spirit to be with you this week as you consider your actions. What would it mean to truly do what is right versus to simply do what those around you expect?

MID-YEAR MISSION OFFERING

Missions take money. If you are able to do so, we invite you to prayerfully contribute to the Mid-Year Mission Offering. You can do so this morning by **visiting bit.ly/GiveNowBAUMC**, texting "BAUMC" to 45777, or writing a check (made payable to Boston Avenue and noting "Mission Offering" in the memo) and dropping it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church. Your donation will help spread God's message of love and hope to those who need to hear it. Become a BA Servant today!

BA SERVANT NEWSLETTER

BA Servant is a monthly e-newsletter to keep you updated on all things mission-related at Boston Avenue! As a recipient, you will receive: prayer requests for upcoming mission projects, news about upcoming mission projects and opportunities to participate throughout the year, and results and impact of recently completed mission projects. We thank you for your commitment to loving our neighbors and spreading God's love through missions! **Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/BAServant>.**



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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REFLECT & REVIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meets in room J122 (balcony level of the gym). This is a discussion oriented class where we gather each week to reflect on what we're reading as a class and find revival and renewal in God's presence with us. We focus on spiritual formation and what it means to be a follower of Christ in today's world.

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