



**BOSTON AVENUE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Think deeply. Grow spiritually. Love generously.

## July Revival

July 14, 2024

11:00 AM



**The Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Powers** *Senior Pastor*  
**The Rev. Dr. Terry Koehn** *Northeast District Superintendent*  
**The Rev. Dr. James G. Nunn** *Bishop of Oklahoma*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** "'Largo' from Symphony No. 9" by Antonin Dvorak  
E. M. Anderson, organist

## **WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY:**

The Reverend Dr. Samuel T. Powers

**OPENING PRAYER:** The Reverend Dr. Sam Powers

## **VBS SONG:** "Peace, Sweet Peace" arr. by Kelsey Rooney-Dorst

The Vacation Bible School Singers, Rachel Dodson, director

Can I find rest for my soul (oh, oh, oh, oh)

While the storms keep ragin' on?

Can I find hope among the waves (yeah, yeah, yeah)

Or will I be swept away?

Is there someone who can calm the sea –

That is rising over me?

Your peace, sweet peace is coming to the rescue.

Your peace, sweet peace surrounds my heart.

Your peace, sweet peace brings comfort in the darkest night.

I know it will be alright

Surrounded by your peace, sweet peace.

I'm not alone,

You're not alone,

We're not alone with Jesus.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF**

**WILLIAM HAYDEN HASKELL:** UMH, page 39

The Reverends Dr. Sam Powers and EvaMarie Campbell

## **REVIVAL SONGS:**

### **1. "When We All Get to Heaven," #701, stz. 1, 4**

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed, he'll prepare for us a  
place.

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!

When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory.

Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of  
gold.

Refrain

### **2. "Hymn of Promise," #707, stz. 1, 3**

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

**3. "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," #703, stz. 1, 4**

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;  
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.  
I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
coming for to carry me home?  
A band of angels coming after me,  
coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;  
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.  
The brightest day that I can say,  
coming for to carry me home;  
when Jesus washed my sins away,  
coming for to carry me home.

**4. "Shall We Gather at the River," #723, stz. 1, 4**

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will  
cease;

Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain

**5. "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder," stz. 1, 3**

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be  
no more,

And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

When the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,

Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care;

Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,

And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Refrain

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** The Reverend EvaMarie Campbell

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:** The Reverend Dr. Sam Powers

**MISSION PARTNER:** Anne Robertson, New Day Camp Director &  
Assistant Director for Development & Operations of CJAMM

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**

"Sing Praise to Him" arranged by Mack Wilberg

The Chancel Choir, Dr. Oliver Brett, director

**THE GOSPEL:** Mark 6: 14-29, page 40

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: "But the Guests Will See"**

The Reverend Dr. Samuel T. Powers

## **HYMN OF INVITATION:**

### **6. "Amazing Grace," #378, stz. 1, 6**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE:**

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter C. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir, Dr. Oliver Brett, director

*"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you;  
and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be  
gracious unto you. Amen." (Text: Numbers 6: 24-26)*

### **POSTLUDE: Selected Hymns**

Judy Parks, pianist

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## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

*For more upcoming opportunities, visit [bostonavenue.org](http://bostonavenue.org) and click "Get Involved."*

### **SUMMER SESSIONS WITH SAM**

Assorted dates, times, and locations through Thursday, August 1  
Come get to know our new Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Sam Powers! Visit [bit.ly/SamSummerSessions](http://bit.ly/SamSummerSessions) to sign up for one of these small gatherings, primarily held in the homes of our members. Enjoy informal conversation and hearty snacks with our new Senior Pastor. These hour and a half sessions offer an opportunity for deeper conversation, allowing you to ask questions, share your thoughts, and help Sam get to know you and our congregation better. Choose a session that fits your schedule and be part of this meaningful introduction!

### **"THE GATHERING": DR. CHANDINI SHARMA, MD, GERIATRIC MEDICINE SPECIALIST**

Wednesday, July 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Asbury Room and via Zoom

Join us either in-person or virtually via Zoom (meeting ID: 841 5846 7679; passcode: Gathering) for lunch and a program!

Reserve a \$10 Madeleine's French Bakery & Café lunch by calling Alexandria Rogers at 918.699.0123 or bring your own brown bag lunch.

### **RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT**

Sunday, July 21 from noon until 3 p.m. in Jubilee Hall

Join us as we pack 20,000 meals for our neighbors across the globe through an assembly line process that is fun and educational! Free lunch with reservation. To participate, please sign up in Bishops' Hall today!

# SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

## Mark 6: 14-29

"King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb."

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### **WHEN YOU CAN'T BE HERE IN PERSON...**

Join us on KTUL-TV, Channel 8, at 11:00 a.m. or via livestream on [bostonavenue.org](http://bostonavenue.org), or view and watch sermons anytime on our website, Facebook, or YouTube pages!

### **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."

### **HOLY COMMUNION IN ROSE CHAPEL**

You are invited to Rose Chapel (next to the Parlor) at 8:45 a.m. or 12:10 p.m. to celebrate Holy Communion. The 12:10 service also includes prayers for healing and wholeness.

# 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 ushers.

**If you're visiting this morning, Dr. Powers would love to greet you!**

He will be standing in Great Hall just outside the Sanctuary.

Please stop by after the service!

**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 pastors at the altar during the closing hymn of invitation.**

If you have questions about church membership, please contact our Director of Welcoming, Belynda Clanton, at [welcome@bostonavenue.org](mailto:welcome@bostonavenue.org).

## NEW MEMBER

**Mike McCue**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor and memory of **Nancy Greer**, whose birthday was July 11, by Gordon Greer and family.

In loving memory of **Dr. Richard Elliot Dixon**, whose birthday was July 12, by Kay Dixon, son, Michael Dixon, and daughter, Amanda Dixon.

## 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](https://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!

## PROGRAM STAFF LEADERSHIP

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Sam Powers

### Associate Ministers:

Rev. EvaMarie Campbell, Adults and Lifelong Faith Formation

Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley, Pastoral Care and Alternative Worship

**Theologian-in-Residence:** Rev. Dr. Gary Peluso-Verdend

**Human Resources:** Nancy Gunter; **Welcoming:** Belynda Clanton

**Music:** Dr. Joel Panciera; **Sistema Tulsa:** Jose Luis Hernandez

**Organist:** E. M. Anderson; **Missions:** Ed Payton

**Young Children & Weekday School:** Paula Gradney-Garner

**Children:** Allie McMurry; **Youth:** Keith Bethell

**College & Young Adults:** Lenox Johnson; **Accounting:** Andrea Rizer

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