BOSTON AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Think deeply. Grow spiritually. Love generously.

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

11:00 AM

The Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Powers *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Jeff Jaynes *Northeast District Superintendent*
The Rev. Laura Merrill *Bishop of Oklahoma*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE: "In Paradisum" by Theodore Dubois
E. M. Anderson, organist

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY:
The Reverend Dr. Samuel T. Powers

INTROIT: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" by Johann Crüger

(Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #711 "For All the Saints"

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Reverend Dr. Sam Powers
One: We have come to affirm our historic faith.
All: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.
One: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.
All: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.
One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,
All: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.
One: Let us pray. *(Please be seated.)*

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS *(in unison)*

Eternal God, we thank you for those who have walked this life with us and now rest from their labors. They have impacted our faith in ways that we may not even fully recognize. We count ourselves among their family – whether biological or spiritual – and we give thanks for the faith which lifted them in our earthly life and now lifts them in the life eternal. Help us to hold onto this same faith today, O God. We name them before you now, out of our love and respect for them. As we grieve our loss, we recognize that in the mystery of your love, in the power of your spirit, we are one with them.

Les Barnes	Jo Beth Harris	H. Leon Mullis
Joyce Boltz	Joe Harris	Dick O'Neil
Ann Caraway	Gregory Hood	Clara Owen
Lynne Caroon	Janie Hughes	Page Parker
Mick Champion	James Kincaid, Sr.	Pat Perrin
Linda Coker	Dick Koger	Barry Puryear
Lisa Critz	Judy Lewis	Sue Riggs
Donna Dedeke	Mary Jo Lewis	Mark Rounds
Richard DeHaan	Betty Lilly	Shirley Skinner
Linda Doering	Dorothy Mattimore	Nellie Tay
Craig Duggan	Whit Mauzy	Gayle Teter
Peggye Enlow	Laura McCoy	Mary Lou Thompson
Buddy Fallis, Jr.	Tom McLain	Sharon Thompson
Ivan Griffith	Marita Morgan	Virginia Vance

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: The Reverend Lisa Hines
THE LORD'S PRAYER: #895
CHORAL RESPONSE: "Jesus, Remember Me" by Jacques Berthier

(At this time, elementary-aged children are invited to meet our Children's Ministry staff in the back of the Sanctuary on the South side to attend Children's Chapel. Please retrieve your child from the back of the Sanctuary before you take Communion.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 7: 9-17, page 249
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Sheltered by God"
The Reverend Dr. Samuel T. Powers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION: The Reverend EvaMarie Campbell
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One –
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts. Amen.
(All pray in silence for the forgiveness of sin.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **Amen!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING: The Reverend Dr. Sam Powers

(You are invited to text "BAUMC" to 918.351.2929 to make a one-time gift or set up recurring giving to the fund of your choice. Offerings left on the chancel rail during communion will go to the Good Samaritan Fund to help our neighbors in need. Thanks for your generosity!)

(Your presence this morning is a gift! During the anthem, please take a moment to sign the attendance pad as it is passed along the pew, then pass it back down the row. Providing us with your name and contact information will give us the opportunity to note your attendance and connect with you.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Abide with Me" arr. by Earlene Rentz

The Chancel Choir, Dr. Jeffery Wall, director

Text: Hymnal No. 700, var.

(Please rise.)

DOXOLOGY: #95 *(to be sung by all)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: UMH, pages 23-24

The Reverend Dr. Sam Powers

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

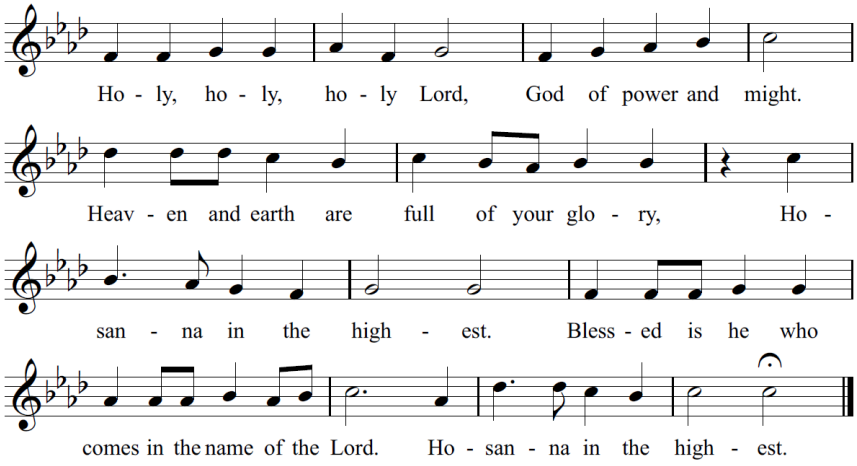
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

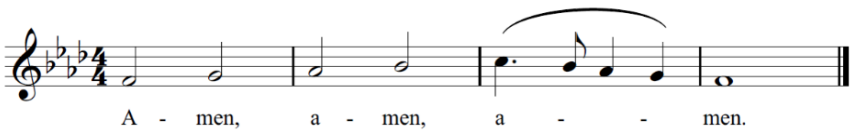


(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:)

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We celebrate an open table. All who are seeking God's guidance or assurance are welcome. Come forward to the altar via the center aisles to receive the elements, then return to your seat via the outer aisles. All of the bread and wafers we serve are gluten-free. At the south station, we will offer intinction, if you prefer that tradition. 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:

"And I Saw a New Heaven" by Edgar L. Bainton
The Chancel Choir, Dr. Jeffery Wall, director

SENDING FORTH

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF INVITATION: #700 "Abide with Me"

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

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE:

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by John Rutter

POSTLUDE: "Prelude No. 13" by Frederic Chopin
E. M. Anderson, organist

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Call to Worship by Ruth Duck, United Church of Christ clergy, Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 20th Century.

Remembrance of the Saints Prayer by Sam Powers, Elder, Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church, 21st Century.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance by Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico, 21st Century.

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SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7: 9-17

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one who knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Laurencia Masabarakira

Ben Partain

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of **Jennifer Casebier**, whose birthday was October 29, from her mom, Patsy Witt, her sisters, Debbie and Linda, her daughters, Shelby and Cassidy, her grandchildren, and all the family.

In honor of his mother, **Sherry Hansen**, whose 80th birthday is on November 4, by Jeff Hansen.

In honor of Pam Sherman's mother, **Doris Garvey Zimmer**, celebrating her November 5th birthday, by her family.

In loving memory of **Peggye Enlow** by her family.