BOSTON AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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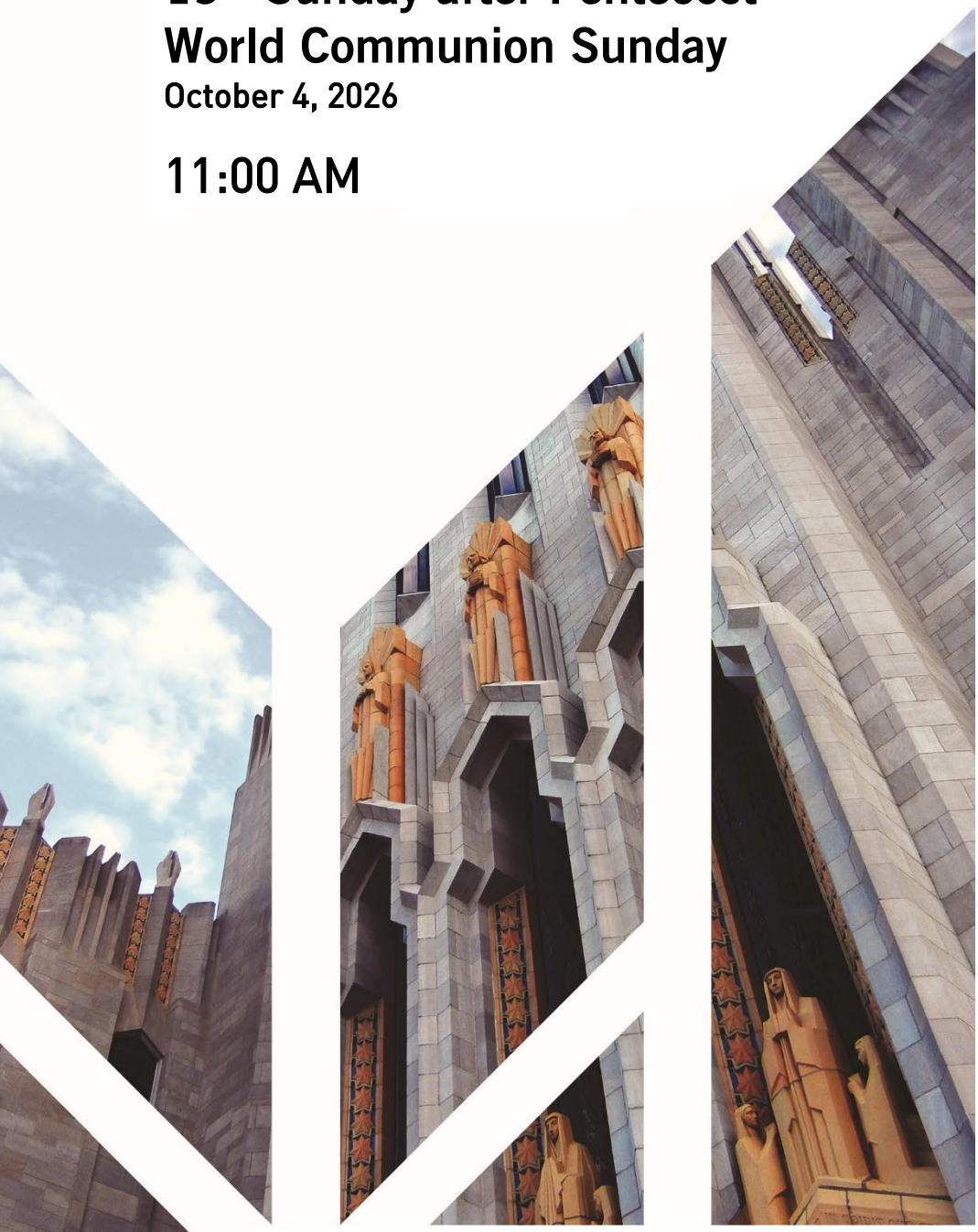
# 19th Sunday after Pentecost
# World Communion Sunday

**October 4, 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:** "Fanfare" by Padre Antonio Soler
Vicki Smith, 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:** #630 "Become to Us the Living Bread"

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** The Reverend Lisa Hines
One: Our Creator spoke to Moses on the mountain. The Holy One speaks to us today, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the hand of slavery."
**All: Glorious God, even the firmament proclaims your handiwork.**
One: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.
**All: The decrees of God are sure, making the naive wise.**
One: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.
**All: The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes. Speak to us, God of true freedom, and we will listen.**
One: Let us pray. *(Please be seated.)*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** *(in unison)*
**We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your children in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** The Reverend Lisa Hines
**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** #895
**CHORAL RESPONSE:** "Lead Me, Lord" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*(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 HEBREW LECTION:** Exodus 20: 1-20, page 66
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: "Loving Yourself Enough to Set Boundaries"**
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)*

**Even with those simple commandments, Eternal Love, we manage to get it wrong. We misuse your name, and dishonor our friends and neighbors by talking behind their backs. We hunger for what others have, and think we can put you in a box, storing you away on a shelf. We find little enough time for our families, for ourselves, or for you – much less setting aside an entire day for that rest you call Sabbath.**

**Forgive us, Abiding Love. We think we are so wise with the choices we make, only to end up with all that keeps us from you. Your Word has come, to fill our speech with grace, with hope, with peace. As we commune with other Christians around the world, may our lives be invitational to others as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence for the forgiveness of sins.)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Day to day, God offers us mercy and hope. Moment to moment, we are surrounded by God's never-ending love. Friends, trust this Good News for you! May God take our brokenhearted prayers and craft them into moments of grace, joy, and peace. Thanks be to God; we are forgiven. 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. There is a special offering for World Communion Sunday which will go to scholarships, grants, and leadership programs within The United Methodist Church across the world. Simply note "World Communion" on your gift and the portion you would like to contribute to the special offering. 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:** "Agnus Dei" by Thomas Morley

The Chancel Choir, Dr. Jeffery Wall, director

*"Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us."*

*(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.

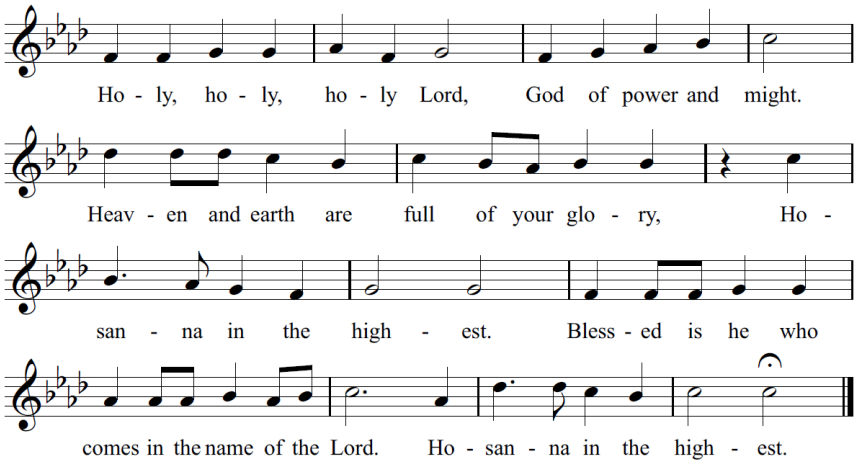
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

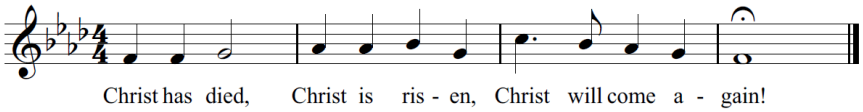
*(The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:)*

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



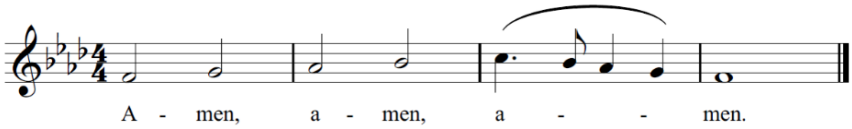

*(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:)*

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:**

"Ave verum Corpus" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Chancel Choir, Dr. Jeffery Wall, director

*"Hail, true Body, born of Mary, who suffered and died on the cross for us. Be for us a foretaste of Heaven."*

## SENDING FORTH

*(Please rise.)*

**HYMN OF INVITATION:** #624 "Bread of the World"

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

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE:** "God Be in My Head" by Henry Walford Davies

**POSTLUDE:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Max Drischner

Vicki Smith, organist

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# WORSHIP RESOURCES

Call to Worship adapted from United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, 21st Century.

Congregational Prayer by Pope John Paul II, Poland, 20th Century.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance adapted from Thom Shuman, Presbyterian Church, Ohio, 21st Century.

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# 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.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of her husband, **Seth Gutman**, on his October 4th birthday, by Janet Gutman.

In loving memory of **Charles and Mary Ward** from Anne Chamlee and family.

# SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

## Exodus 20: 1-20

"Then God spoke all these words,

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

'You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

'Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

'You shall not murder.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

'You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'"

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

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