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*Rev. Arthur Jones*

August 1, 2021



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Arthur Jones is the second Senior Pastor of St. Andrew UMC - an 8,000 member congregation in North Texas. A fifth generation Methodist preacher, his passions involve preaching a real and practical faith, engaging people with the Bible and current issues that affect day-to-day life, and providing leadership and vision for the next phases of church life.

He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Duke Divinity School, and the co-author of *Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age* and has just published his first solo book – *Solid Souls*. Arthur is married to Becky. They are the parents of two children, Ella Reece and Sam Jones.

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## *Welcoming Our 2021 Season Guests*

- July 4 President Valerie Smith, Swarthmore College
- July 11 \*Rev. Susan Sparks, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, New York
- July 18 Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Somerset, New Jersey
- July 25 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, Hope Christian Church, Decatur, Georgia
- August 1 Rev. Arthur Jones, St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas
- August 8 Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois
- August 15 Rev. Dr. Howard John Wesley, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia
- August 22 Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Murriel, Cascade United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- August 29 Dr. Scott W. Sunquist, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts
- September 5 Rev. Dr. Aliya F. Browne, Vice President of the Union Chapel Board of Trustees, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts

*All services will be streamed and available for watching on Facebook, YouTube and through our website [www.UnionChapelMV.org](http://www.UnionChapelMV.org)*

*\*denotes virtual visit, available for viewing from Union Chapel*

# Announcements

Today's floral arrangements on the altar are placed in the chapel  
in loving memory of Jim, Bruce and Peter Kidd  
from Joann Kidd

and in loving memory of James, Priscilla and Barbara Nolan  
from Renee Nolan

*If you are interested in putting flowers in the Chapel for service,  
you can either, stop by the kiosk after service, contact Heidi Bryan  
214-549-7235/508-687-9725 or email [contact@unionchapelmv.org](mailto:contact@unionchapelmv.org).*

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# Sunday Morning August 1, 2021

PRELUDE *Partita on "Slane"* Daniel Pinkham

INTROIT *Day by Day* Harold W. Friedell

TRUSTEE GREETINGS Heidi Bryan

\*INVOCATION  
"God of hope, we have sensed your spirit walking with us as we open a new door  
in our lives, felt your urging when we were reluctant to say yes to a new adven-  
ture. Come among us today. Open our eyes to truth wherever it may be found.  
Allow us to hear the siren song of knowledge and understanding."

LORDS PRAYER

\*HYMN *#502 Be Thou My Vision* Slane

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:13-17

ANTHEM *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

PRAYER  
OFFERTORY *Just As I Am* William B. Bradbury (arr. Luigi Zaninelli)  
Dorian Lopes, tenor

\*DOXOLOGY *#34 Old 100th*

SERMON "Heaven is Now"  
Rev. Arthur Jones  
St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas

\*HYMN *#358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Beecher

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festive March* Daniel Pinkham

William D. Peek, Jr., Organist and Director of Music

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Celebrating 150 Years

Stop by the kiosk after service or  
visit [www.unionchapelmv.org](http://www.unionchapelmv.org) for  
commemorative items now available.

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## Day of Service

*Union Chapel and the Island Food Pantry  
are hosting a Day of Service to support  
Martha's Vineyard.  
Join us August 7, 2021*

*8am to 12pm  
(Meet at Union Chapel)*

## Union Chapel Giving

*For easy giving,  
text GIVE to 508-812-7444 or visit [www.  
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for more ways to give today.*

# History of Union Chapel

In the early days of Oak Bluffs, visitors traveled by steamboat to Lake Anthony (Oak Bluffs Harbor) and the campground area surrounding a large tent that was the site for Methodist revivals. The worshippers in the “camp meetings” had become very concerned about the influx of summer visitors who spent their time at the beach, walking on Circuit Avenue, relaxing, and having a good time. To them, camp meetings were to be serious, highly religious, and separate from worldly influences.

In a 1958 history editorial in the Vineyard Gazette, it was reported that the new community of the Oak Bluffs Land & Wharf Co. was being called “ungodly.” In 1867, the camp meeting organizers erected a seven-foot picket fence around the campground that closed each evening at 10:00 PM.

As the summer population grew, the developer (Oak Bluffs Land and Wharf Co.) realized that vacationers were lacking a place to worship, and contracted to build a church. Union Chapel was built in 1870 as a non-sectarian worship space in an area dominated by the Methodist summer camp meeting known as Wesleyan Grove.

The architect commissioned for the project was Samuel Freeman Pratt, a renowned local architect. The chapel was built in a beautiful octagonal shape on a small rise of land called Chapel Hill at the intersection of Circuit, Narragansett, and Samoset Avenues. Mr. Pratt is estimated to have designed twenty-two structures in the young town of Oak Bluffs including the gateway to the Wharf and the Seaview Hotel.

The chapel took one year to build, completing in 1871, seating 800 with a spire reaching an altitude of 96 feet, and a final construction cost of \$16,000.

The chapel was open to its first service in August 1871.

## Visit Martha's Vineyard Museum

Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Union Chapel  
at the Martha's Vineyard Museum.

*Eight Sides & Many Faces: 150 Years of Union Chapel*  
June 30th, 2021 through September 2nd, 2021

## The Union Chapel Quartet

Becky Williams, soprano  
Martha Hudson, alto  
Dorian Lopes, tenor  
Brad Austin, bass

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## Music Notes

Daniel Pinkham's *Partita on "Slane"* and *Festive March* were composed in 1998. Pinkham (1923 – 2006) was a distinguished American composer, conductor, organist, and musicologist. He was professor of musicology at New England Conservatory of Music and served as Music Director at the historic King's Chapel, Boston, from 1958 – 2000. *With a Voice of Singing* was composed by Martin Shaw (1875 – 1958), an English composer and conductor. His over 300 published works include songs, hymns, carols, oratorios, and four operas. The offertory setting of William B. Bradbury's *Just As I Am* was composed by Luigi Zaninelli (b. 1932), emeritus Professor of Composition at the University of Southern Mississippi.

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## Union Chapel Organ

Over the course of the last two years, our 1924 Austin organ has been completely rebuilt by the Spencer Organ Company of Waltham, Massachusetts, thanks to the generosity of many members of the Union Chapel community. The organ will be formally dedicated on the evening of August 4 with a recital by Alcee Chriss III, widely regarded as one of the leading young organists of our time.