



## ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 3, 2025 8th Sunday After Pentecost

### — We Gather —

#### PRELUDE

*The King of Love*  
Alicia Luttrell

Gounod

#### WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Jennifer Porto

*Please take this time to sign the attendance pad located in your pew, or scan the CONNECT QR code located on the back of this bulletin.*

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

#### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Carroll

We are children of God, learning to walk.

**Day by day, we are learning to be the church.**

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

#### ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Worship the King*

UMH 73

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION and PARDON

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.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

❖PASSING OF THE PEACE *As forgiven and reconciled people, let us pass the Peace of Christ with one another.*

## – We Listen –

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things that are above, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 49

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, <sup>2</sup> both low and high, rich and poor together. <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. <sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. <sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, <sup>6</sup> those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? <sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it. <sup>8</sup> For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice, <sup>9</sup> that one should live on forever and never see the Pit. <sup>10</sup> When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. <sup>11</sup> Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own. <sup>12</sup> Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish. <sup>13</sup> Such is the fate of the foolhardy, the end of those who are pleased with their lot. *Selah* <sup>14</sup> Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd; straight to the grave they descend, and their form shall waste away; Sheol shall be their home. <sup>15</sup> But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. *Selah* <sup>16</sup> Do not be afraid when some become rich, when the wealth of their houses increases. <sup>17</sup> For when they die they will carry nothing away; their wealth will not go down after them. <sup>18</sup> Though in their lifetime they count themselves happy – for you are praised when you do well for yourself – <sup>19</sup> they will go to the company of their ancestors, who will never again see the light. <sup>20</sup> Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

### ♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

*When We Are Living* (v. 1, 4)

UMH 356

### ❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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### SERMON

**"Take Care!"**

Dr. Darren McClellan

— WE RESPOND —

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *\*universal*

♪❖GLORIA PATRI      Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY                      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*                      arr. McDonald

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING                      *Service of Word and Table II*                      UMH 13-15

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

— WE GO FORTH —

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖HYMN OF INVITATION                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (1, 3)                      UMH 140

❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE                      *Lyons*                      arr. Gardiner



## WELCOME

We want to thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. If you have questions about church activities, church membership, or the Christian faith, we would love to speak with you.



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ONLINE GIVING

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**August 3, 2025**

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)  
5:30pm Youth (B)

**Monday** Men's Study Group, 7:00am (FP)

**Tuesday** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP)

**Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)  
Choir Practice, 6:00pm

**Thursday** Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)  
The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)  
Trivia Night, 7:00pm (206 State St.)

**Friday** Office Closed

FP-Fellowship Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WP-Wisteria Parlor  
B-Basement, DW-Dumas Wesley, 126 Mobile Street

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Our annual blessing of the backpacks will take place August 10th at both services. Bring your backpacks and we will offer a prayer for our children as they start a new year.

**LADIES WHO LUNCH** will meet on Sunday, August 10th in the Wisteria Parlor. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 7th by emailing lwstreet@gmail.com. Donation for lunch is \$10 and all ladies are welcome.

## YOUTH LOCK-IN AUGUST 15-16

Use this QR code to learn more and sign up for a fun night of youth fellowship. Joseph has a lot of fun things planned!



## PASTOR DARREN'S STUDY—BEGINS AUGUST 20

Join Pastor Darren in a study of *The Beatitudes of Peace: Meditations on the Beatitudes, Peacemaking and the Spiritual Life* by John Dear. See the newsletter for more information.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Sunday, August 24th is the date for our first "Kickoff Cookout" which includes a community tailgate and family friendly flag football, other games and a bounce house. See your newsletter or scan this QR code to sign up to play or sponsor a tailgate. All are welcome!



## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Barbara Bohnhoff (Becky Mayhall's mother), Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Jim Harter, Nancy Hewett, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Jody Thompson (Pam Bostick's brother-in-law), Louise Thomson, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (\*new concern this week)

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## Hymns and Responses for August 3, 2025

### O Worship the King

UMH 73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

### When We Are Living

UMH 356

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.
2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.
4. Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God. We belong to God, we belong to God.

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## **Psalter Reading from Psalm 85**

**Sung Response:** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

L: (1) Lord, you showed favor to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**ALL:(2) You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.**

L: (3) You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**ALL:(4) Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

L: (5) Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

(6) Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

**ALL:(7) Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**Sung Response:** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

L: (8) Let me hear what God will speak,  
for the Lord will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

**ALL:(9) Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,  
that glory may dwell in our land.**

L: (10) Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**ALL:(11) Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

L: (12) The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**ALL:(13) Righteousness will go before the Lord,  
and make God's footsteps a way.**

**Sung Response:** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.