



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 5, 2025 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Hoover, Debra, *Come Fill Our Hearts*

– *We Gather* –

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.*

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
Handbell Choir

arr. Burroughs

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy McMaken

Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still—the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Come to Us

Upper Room Worship Book 55

1. Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened. Come to the Word, and come to the meal, come without question or pressure or price: Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.
2. Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger, looking for change, or challenge, or light. We all are people whose calling is care, bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.
3. Come to me, come to us, broken or building. Come with your children, your choices, your chains. All are invited to friendship or rest, to share in our struggle, our call, and our quest.

Today's Acolytes: Mae Stabler and Liza Hieronymous

❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit* **Bold Print** – *Congregation Reads Aloud*

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

Holy God, speak your word; let those who hear guard the good treasure entrusted to them with the help of the Holy Spirit, living in us all. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 37

UMH 772

Please join the choir in the sung response when indicated by the red R.

♪ ACT OF PRAISE

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Chancel Choir

Rutter

❖ SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

SERMON

"Increase Our Faith!"

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

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Handbell Choir

arr. Burroughs

♪❖ 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

UMH 140

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

Faithfulness

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

October 5, 2025

9:00am	Ascension Modern Service (FH)
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
4:00pm	Blessing of the Pets
5:30pm	Youth (B)

Monday Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)
Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

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

Wednesday Handbell Practice, 5:00pm
Choir Practice, 6:00pm
Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (FP)

Thursday Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)
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

NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The new young adult Sunday School class is meeting at 10:00am in the Fellowship Parlor. Pastor Jennifer will be teaching and would love for you to join this time of Bible study and fellowship.

BLESSING OF THE PETS—Today, 4:00pm

Join us and bring your pets to the grassy area beside the Fellowship Hall parking lot. There will be music and blessings, and all variety of pets are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP AND CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Today is the start of our four week stewardship campaign sermon series, "Reaching Out." Consecration Sunday will be Oct. 26 and we will celebrate together with a church-wide brunch at 10:00am, in between the two worship services.

LADIES WHO LUNCH will meet on Sunday, October 12 after the 11:00 service. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 9 by emailing lwstreet@gmail.com. A \$10 donation is suggested, and all women are welcome.

TRUNK OR TREAT—SAVE THE DATE

Trunk or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 29 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please place candy donations on the Fellowship Hall counter.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: *Fay Adams, 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, Jake Elder, Mihyon Ellis, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, Marcia Golson, Jim Harter, 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)

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.



Are you visiting today? If so, please scan this QR code to complete a CONNECT card, or contact a staff member to assist you.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received 9/28/25 \$9,992



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ONLINE GIVING

Hymns and Responses for October 5, 2025

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!

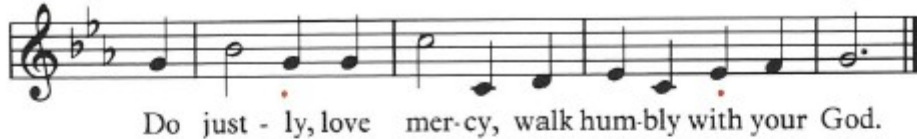
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath 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!

Psalm 37:1-11

RESPONSE (General)

Albert F. Bayly (Mic. 6:8)
Erik Routley



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- ¹ Do not be angry because of the wicked,
do not be envious of wrongdoers!
- ² For they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.
- ³ Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.
- ⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
who will give you the desires of your heart. **R**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in God, who will act,
- ⁶ bringing forth your vindication as the light,
and your right as the noonday.
- ⁷ Be still and wait patiently before the Lord;
do not be angry because of those who prosper in their
way,
because of those who carry out evil devices! **R**
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Do not be angry; it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off;
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
- ¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look at their place, they will not be there.
- ¹¹ But the meek shall possess the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity. **R**