



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 26, 2025 20th 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

Amazing Grace
Handbell Choir

arr. Wilson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Cooper

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Come to Us

Cooney

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.

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. 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

Pour out upon us your Spirit, O God, that we might hear your word so that your wisdom will draw us closer to you. Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 65:1-9

UMH 789

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

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 1-4)

UMH 57

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

After the children's moment, children may leave with our staff to go to the nursery. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.

MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

♪ACT OF PRAISE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

arr. Wilson

Chancel Choir with Handbell Choir

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:15-24

¹⁵ People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.' " ²¹ He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²³ But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

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

SERMON

"Decide to Provide"

Dr. Darren McClellan

— WE RESPOND —

ACT OF CONSECRATION

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87

The altar is open for prayer and presentation of estimate of giving cards.

❖ 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

Fanfare on Old Hundredth
Handbell Choir

arr. Angerman

♪❖ 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.

— WE GO FORTH —

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

Victory in Jesus (v. 1, 3)

UMH 370

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Wesley



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 10/19/25 \$8,368



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ONLINE GIVING

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

October 26, 2025

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)
10:00am Consecration Brunch
11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
4:00pm Trunk or Treat

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

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS can be found scattered around campus. Please consider supporting our 2025 ministry plan by completing a card and turning it in to the church office. You may also complete a card online by visiting our website www.apumc.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT – TODAY from 4:00 to 5:30pm

Today is the day! Please join us for hot dogs, chips, popcorn, games and activities, as well as trunks for trick or treating! It's not too late to host a trunk. Just show up at 3:30 and we'll find a space for you. **RAIN OR SHINE!** We'll move it in the Fellowship Hall if necessary.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND SCRIPTURE

Join us on November 2nd at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a night of acoustic worship while reading through the book of James. All are welcome!

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), *Bob Cook, 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, Curt Graf (Curtis Graf's father), 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)

Hymns and Responses for October 26, 2025

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day? When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?
2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.
3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises, for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring, the Word is our promise always, forever; we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.
4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

Victory in Jesus

UMH 370

1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.
3. I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

Psalm 65

Martin Rinkart
trans. by Catherine Winkworth
Johann Crüger

RESPONSE (*Thanksgiving & General*)



Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

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- 1 Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed.
- 2 To you who hear prayer
all flesh shall come because of their sins.
- 3 When our transgressions prevail over us,
you forgive them.
- 4 Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple! **R**
- 5 By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation,
who is the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of the farthest seas;
- 6 who by your strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;
- 7 who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples;
- 8 so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds
are afraid at your signs;
you make the morning and the
evening resound with joy. **R**
- 9 You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide its grain,
for so you have prepared it.