



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2026 Senior Sunday

Remain in My Love

PRELUDE

Largo
Alicia Luttrell

Handel

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

Lamey Singleton

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

Let the sound of praise ring out.

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

The Lord who has made everything!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Christopher Dodd

Come Holy Spirit, our Helper and Advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day and entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life, a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 66

UMH 790-791

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

RECOGNITION OF OUR 2026 SENIOR CLASS

Joseph Griggs

Lillian Mae Cunningham

Lilly is the daughter of Jennifer and Martin Cunningham

Sarah Margaret Cooper

Sarah is the daughter of Lisa and Eric Cooper

Mary Christopher Dodd

Mary Christopher is the daughter of Alease and Chris Dodd

Baylor Havard Val Lane

Bay is the son of Amber and Greg Bostwick

Edward Tate McAnnally

Tate is the son of Brandy and John McAnnally

Margaret Lamey Singleton

Lamey is the daughter of Cammie and Matt Singleton

Robert Hunter Smallwood

Hunter is the son of Dana and Scott Smallwood

Harold Fincher Ronald Webb

Fincher is the son of Blakeley and David Webb

❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit* **Bold Print** – *Congregation Reads Aloud*
Hearing amplifier devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

A LITURGY FOR COMMISSIONING

O Christ our King, you have liberally distributed amongst your body a variety of gifts and joys and interests, that your people might explore and proclaim your glories as encountered across a vast variety of disciplines, and that we might be salt and light, bearing witness to your goodness in all corners of culture and vocation—whether in art-making or science, as public servants or pastors or poets, in sectors of industry or energy, in medicine or manual labor or missionary work, in farming or philanthropy, in education or athletics, in conservation or construction, in relief work or engineering, or by ten thousand other paths.

It is indeed your good pleasure to have your people serve and shape and steward and delight in all the joy-filled paths of your creation.

Bless now these young people, as they seek to discern where their own gifts might be well-stewarded.

Shape them, guide them, and place them in your Body where their gifts might be profitably engaged for the good of your people and for the glory of your name.

Let them find deep purpose, investing their lives in ways that will bring the implications of your heavenly Kingdom to bear in this world—by their word and witness, by their love for others, and by the many works of their hands and minds and hearts.

Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:22-27

Sarah Cooper

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

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

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION *Spirit of the Living God* (sing twice)

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❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:28-31

²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

SERMON

“Notes From the Campus Tour”

Dr. Darren McClellan

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH 881

♫❖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.

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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

When You Break the Bread
Chancel Choir

Schram

♫❖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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♫❖HYMN OF INVITATION

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

Benedictus Est

Lester

☞ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of David and Debbie Richards. They are also giving thanks for five children and sixteen grandchildren! To God be the glory!

☞ ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in loving memory of Christopher Merrill Roberts, son of Lori and Chris Roberts.



UPCOMING WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)

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

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

Wednesday The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)
Handbell Practice, 5:00pm
Choir Practice, 6:00pm
Moral Teachings of Jesus, 6:00pm (FP)

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

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, Kay Adkins, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Bob Cook, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, Carl George (Chance George's father), Marcia Golson, Holly Hastings (Dee Dee Cook's sister), Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Libba Lyon, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, Emily McGough, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lon Spencer, Joe Stuart, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

WELCOME REV. JULIE HARE

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Julie Hare on her first Sunday as our new Minister of Community Care. When you see her, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome her to our Ashland Place family. For the next few weeks, let's help her get to know us by wearing a name tag.

STATUE DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION-May 10

Join us on the playground for a brief ceremony and reception at 10:00am as we dedicate a statue in honor of Chee Chee Street's 50 years of service to Ashland Place UMC. We are thankful for her dedication!

SUMMER FUN FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

See your newsletter for more information.

- Vacation Bible School sign ups are going on now! (June 8-11 for those completing PK3-5th Grade)
- Summer Camp at Blue Lake (July 20-24 for those completing 3rd-5th grade)
- Youth Backpacking trip in Virginia (June 19-26 for rising 6th graders through 2026 graduates)

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 Last Sunday \$8,888



To support the many ministries of APUMC, please scan this QR code and donate online.

ONLINE GIVING

Hymns and Responses

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

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1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Responsive Psalter: Psalm 66

Psalm 66:8-20

Ps. 67:4a,7
Carlton R. Young

RESPONSE (Easter & General)

O peo-ple, be glad and sing for joy!

De - clare God's glo - ry in ev - ery land!

R

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid affliction on our loins;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place.

R

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

R

Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

I cried aloud to God, who was highly praised with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

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