



Swanson, John August, *Last Supper*



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 13, 2026 16th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Adagio Op. 2, No. 1
Alicia Luttrell

Beethoven

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

Erica Tanner

For as in one body we have many members,
And the members do not all have the same function
So we, who are many, are one body in Christ.
And individually members of one another
Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,
Let us use them.

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 15

UMH 747

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

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

When We Are Living (v. 1-2)

UMH 356

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 8:14-17

¹⁴For thus says the Lord of hosts: Just as I purposed to bring disaster upon you, when your ancestors provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the Lord of hosts, ¹⁵so again I have purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; do not be afraid. ¹⁶These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace, ¹⁷do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.

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

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

God Will Make a Way
Chancel Choir

arr. Fettke

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-6, 25, 30-32

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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

SERMON

"Each Belonging to All"

Dr. Darren McClellan

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Koerts

♪❖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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖HYMN OF INVITATION

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine (v. 1-3)

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❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

Beethoven



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 \$19,896



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ONLINE GIVING

THIS WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am	Ascension Worship Service (FH)
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Worship Service (S)
Monday	Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP) Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)
Tuesday	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP) Virtual Book Club with Darren, 4:00pm (Zoom)
Wednesday	Handbell Practice, 5:00pm Choir Practice, 6:00pm
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

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, Jackson Alexander, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Carl George (Chance George's father), Marcia Golson, Holly Hastings (Dee Dee Cook's sister), Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Libba Lyon, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Sandy Tones, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

MINISTRY FAIR – RESCHEDULED

The Ministry Fair has been rescheduled to November 8, 2026.

WISTERIA PARLOR SUNDAY SCHOL CLASS NEW STUDY

The class started a new book study today, but it's not too late to join them at 10am each Sunday. They are studying *Better Ways to Read the Bible*, by Zach Lambert. All are welcome!

TEAMING WITH TANZANIA

Join us Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, and a special "Teaming with Tanzania" presentation. Rev. Eric Soard, Exec. Director of Wesley College Foundation, and Jackson Sampson, a Wesley College graduate, will share their experiences and the exciting work God is doing in Tanzania. Come hear their stories, learn how God is working through this ministry, and discover how you can be part of it!

BLESSING OF THE PETS – OCTOBER 4 @ 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 varieties of pets are welcome!

JAM SESSION – OCTOBER 4 @ 4:30

Calling all musicians! Immediately following Blessing of the Pets, join us for a music jam session. Bring your instruments, voices, or just stay to listen.

PUMPKIN PATCH WITH DWUMC

This year, we're excited to partner with Dauphin Way UMC to help with their annual Pumpkin Patch! We'll need volunteers during the week of October 18-24. This partnership allows us to receive a share of the proceeds, which will benefit our United Appeal Fund.

COMMUNITY CARE UPDATES

Please contact Rev. Julie Hare with all of your ongoing community care needs, including circle of concern updates, births and deaths. You can reach her at jhare@apumc.com or 251.478.6356.

Hymns and Responses

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

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.

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

UMH 166

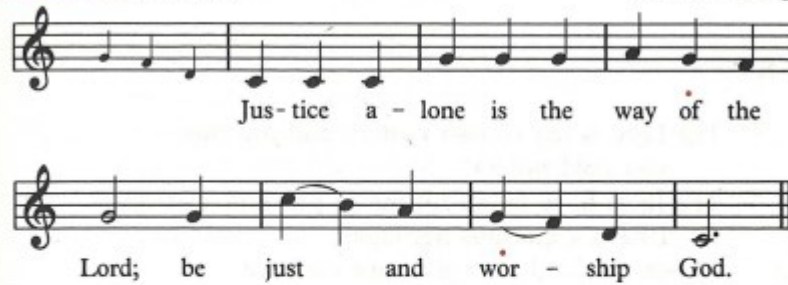
1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought, and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a servant, that we might be free, humbling thyself to death on Calvary: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Responsive Psalter: Psalm 15

Psalm 15

RESPONSE (General)

S T Kimbrough, Jr.
Carlton R. Young



Jus-tice a - lone is the way of the
Lord; be just and wor - ship God.

R

- ¹ O Lord, who shall abide in your tent?
Who shall dwell in your holy hill?
 - ² The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
and speaks truth from the heart;
 - ³ who does not slander with the tongue,
and does no evil to a friend,
nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;
 - ⁴ in whose eyes a reproach is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
 - ⁵ who does not put out money at interest,
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
- The one who does these things shall never be moved. **R**