



Swanson, John August, *Last Supper*



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2026 17th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Variations on Puer Nobis Nascitur
Alicia Luttrell

arr. Hopson

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

Sherri Arledge

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift Every Voice and Sing (v. 1, 3)

UMH 519

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after You. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that You have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after You, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Charlotte Jean Kelly

See Baptismal Insert

❖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*

❖ *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

Let the wisdom of Your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of Your name. Amen.

CANTICLE OF LOVE

UMH 646

Please join the choir in sung response #1 when indicated by the red R.

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* (v. 1-3)

UMH 648

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

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

If We Will Seek the Lord
Chancel Choir

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❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-12

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

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

SERMON

"A Little Bit Goes A Long Way"

Dr. Darren McClellan

♪❖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

It Is Well with My Soul
(with excerpt from Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata)

arr. Ham

♪❖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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (v. 1-3)

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❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

Lift Every Voice

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✠ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Joe Stuart's 75th birthday,
by Averell Stuart.



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 \$6,793



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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) Teaming with Tanzania Dinner, 5:30pm (FH)
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, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, *Michelle Daigle (John Daigle's niece), 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, *Daniel O'Keefe, 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*)

TEAMING WITH TANZANIA

Join us Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30pm 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 @ 4:30PM

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

UMH 648

1. God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-spiced flame and hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace; send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

2. Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified, teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride: in your tending may all [pastors] learn and live a shepherd's care; grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

3. Great Creator, life-bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall, fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all: as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts oversee her life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

UMH 340

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

3. Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

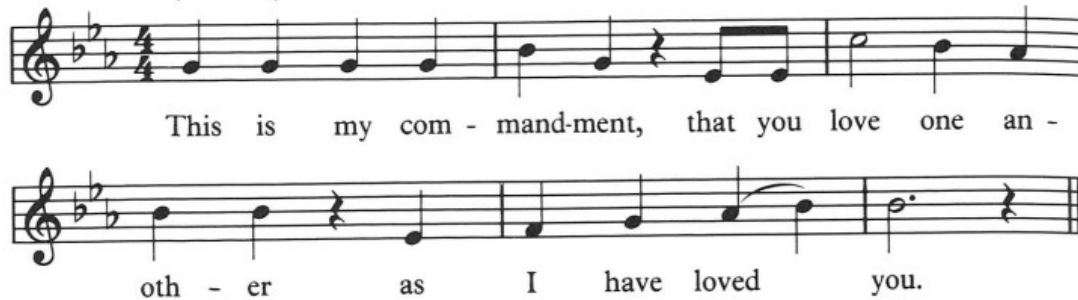
Canticle of Love: UMH 646

THE SACRAMENTS AND RITES OF THE CHURCH

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Canticle of Love

RESPONSE 1 (General)



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Let love be genuine and live in harmony; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Outdo one another in showing honor; be humble and never conceited.

Love is stronger than death and jealousy is cruel as the grave. Floods cannot drown love and wealth cannot buy it.

R

Put love above all else; let Christ's peace rule your hearts. Always be forgiving, and Christ has forgiven you.

Love is not jealous or boastful, arrogant, rude, or stubborn, irritable, resentful, or possessive. Love is patient and kind.

R

Do not love in word or speech only; love also in deed and truth. Receive each other in sincerity, find mercy and grow old together.

Love rejoices in the right; it bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things, for love is faithful and endless.

R

When the Lord builds the house, the labor is never in vain.

Happy are those who take refuge in God; those who serve the Lord are redeemed.

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