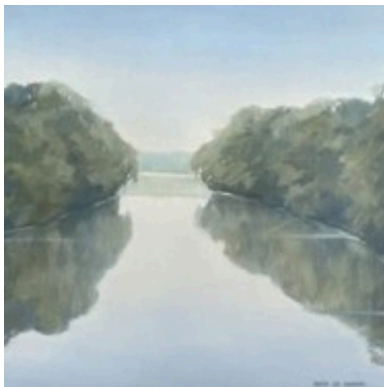




ASHLAND PLACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Sandifer, Karen, *Still Waters*

PRELUDE

Andante
Jeannie Kienzle

Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Julie Hare

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

Lisa Cooper

The Lord is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference - the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause - an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making - the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 46

UMH 780-781

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

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.

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

🎵❖HYMN OF PREPARATIONJesus Calls Us (v. 1, 4, 5)UMH 398

SERMON"What Are We Doing Here?"Rev. Jennifer Porto

SCRIPTURE LESSONRomans 12:1-8

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe Apostles' CreedUMH 881

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

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

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.

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORYMeditation on Lead Me LordJeannie Kienzle

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 PRAISEIn My Father's HouseCourtney

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❖SCRIPTURE LESSON1 Kings 19:1-13

❖DOXOLOGYPraise 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.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. 4But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. 9At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 11He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

🎵❖HYMN OF INVITATIONLead Me, LordUMH 473

❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDEAndante ReligiosoMendelssohn



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 \$11,327



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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 Office Closed for Columbus Day
Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)
Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

Tuesday Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP)
Virtual Book Club, 4:00pm (Zoom)

Wednesday The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)
Handbell Practice, 5:00pm
Choir Practice, 6:00pm

Thursday Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)
The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)
Administrative Board, 12:00pm (FH)
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, Julie McLeod, 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*)

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is a big day at APUMC! Please join us for Consecration Sunday and a Churchwide brunch. We will have our regular worship services at 9 and 11, with brunch together at 10. Blessing of the Pets will be held at 4, followed by a musical jam session. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday.

APUMC PRESCHOOL is looking for a K2 teacher and substitute teachers. Please spread the word. More information is in your newsletter.

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. A link to sign up is in your newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Administrative Board Meeting - October 15, FH, 12pm
USA Wesley Cookoff - Thursday, October 22, 5:30pm at USA.
Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 25, 4-5:30pm. We are now collecting individually wrapped candy, which can be placed on the Fellowship Hall counter, or brought to the church office.