



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 20, 2025 6th Sunday After Pentecost

– *We Gather* –

## PRELUDE

*Jubilation*  
Alicia Luttrell

Handel

## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

*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

Caroline Hinds

God is good and loving to the faithful. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

**God is good! Praise the Lord!**

## ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*To God Be the Glory*

UMH 98

## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done, and the good we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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**

Open our hearts and our minds so that we can understand the fullness of your Word. Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit and bless the servant you have chosen to share the Word proclaimed today. In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. Amen.

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER**

Psalm 119:1-8, 33-40

UMH 840-842

*Please join the choir in sung response #3 when indicated by the red R.*

**♪ACT OF PRAISE**

*No More Night*

Harrah

Don Bowden

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

†*After the children's moment, children four and under 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.

**♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

UMH 382

**❖SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

**SERMON**

**"Possible to the Impossible"**

Rev. Jennifer Porto

— WE RESPOND —

❖ 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

*Chanson de matin Op. 15, No. 2*

Silvia Rath, Violin

Elgar

♪❖ 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

*God of the Ages*

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❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Luttrell



## 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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## OUR CHURCH STAFF

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received 7/13/25 \$42,367 – Includes \$30,000 donation for parking lot



ONLINE GIV-

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

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**July 20, 2025**

9:00am	Ascension Modern Service (FH)
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
5:30pm	Youth (B)

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

**Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)

**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

## UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

If you are looking to help with relief efforts for recent flood victims in Texas and the Carolinas, you may donate through the church, just specify on your check or online gift that it's for UMCOR. If you would like to read more about UMCOR's relief efforts, please visit this website or search for UMCOR on Facebook.  
umcmmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/

## SWING FORE! HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a Topgolf Tournament Fundraiser on August 1, 2025 from 1:00-4:00pm. You may not know this, but our own Crystal Roberts and her son AJ have been approved for a Habitat House, and this event will help support them on that journey. Please use this QR code to sign up or become a sponsor.



## YOUTH LOCK-IN-AUGUST 15-16

Use this QR code to learn more and sign up for a fun night of youth fellowship.



## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Sunday, August 24th is the date for our first "Kickoff Cookout" which includes a community tailgate and family friendly flag football, other games and a bounce house. See your newsletter or scan this QR code to sign up to play, or sponsor a tailgate. All are welcome!



## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Barbara Bohnhoff (Becky Mayhall's mother), Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Jim Harter, Nancy Hewett, 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 July 20, 2025

### To God Be the Glory

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1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

### Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

### God of the Ages

UMH 698

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## **Psalter Reading from Psalm 119:1-8, 33-40**

**Sung Response:** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

L: (1) Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

**ALL:(2) Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies,  
who seek God with their whole heart,**

L: (3) who also do no wrong,  
but walk in God's ways!

**ALL:(4) You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.**

L: (5) O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

**ALL:(6) Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

L: (7) I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**ALL:(8) I will observe your statutes;  
O forsake me not utterly!**

### **Sung Response**

L: (33) Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;  
and I will keep it to the end.

**ALL:(34) Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: (35) Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

**ALL:(36) Incline my heart to your testimonies,  
and not to gain!**

L: (37) Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
and give me life in your ways.

**ALL:(38) Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.**

L: (39) Turn away the reproach which I dread;  
for your ordinances are good.

**ALL:(40) Behold, I long for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life!**

### **Sung Response**