



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 27, 2025 7th Sunday After Pentecost

– *We Gather* –

## 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.*

## PRELUDE

*Gavotte*  
Alina Butler

F.J. Gossec

## ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Alexander

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

## 🎵❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

UMH 185

## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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**

**God of Wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER**

Psalm 85

UMH 806

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

♪❖ **ACT OF PRAISE**

*Only Trust Him* (v. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 337

**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.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Colossians 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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.**

♪❖ **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

❖ **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give

him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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SERMON

**“The Pattern of Life”**

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**

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*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*  
Valencia Montgomery

Stanphill

♪❖ **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**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH 349

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **POSTLUDE**

*Only Trust Him*

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### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

July 27, 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)

**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

### 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*)

### 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 7/20/25 \$7,250



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ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses for July 27, 2025

### When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,  
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we  
say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of  
darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May  
Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the  
loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May  
Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song through  
all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

### Only Trust Him

UMH 337

1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with  
the Lord; and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in  
his Word. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust  
him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will  
save you now.
3. Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest;  
believe in him without delay, and you are fully  
blest. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you  
now.
4. Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go,  
to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal  
flow. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you  
now.

### Seek Ye First

UMH 405

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteous-  
ness, and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall  
find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

### Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

UMH 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful  
face, (wonderful face), and the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

## **Psalter Reading from Psalm 85**

**Sung Response:** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

L: (1) Lord, you showed favor to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**ALL:(2) You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.**

L: (3) You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**ALL:(4) Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

L: (5) Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

(6) Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

**ALL:(7) Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**Sung Response:** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

L: (8) Let me hear what God will speak,  
for the Lord will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

**ALL:(9) Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,  
that glory may dwell in our land.**

L: (10) Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**ALL:(11) Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

L: (12) The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**ALL:(13) Righteousness will go before the Lord,  
and make God's footsteps a way.**

**Sung Response:** The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.