Lisle Garrity, *Insight*

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Luttrell
Alicia Luttrell

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES Dr. Darren McClellan
Please take this time to sign the attendance pad located in your pew, or scan the CONNECTQR 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 George Hardesty
Scripture is full of questions…
Where are you?
Am I my brother's keeper?
Whom shall I send?
Who do you say that I am?
Who sinned?
How many times shall I forgive?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.
Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.

♫❖HYMN OF PRAISE *Lift High the Cross* UMH 159

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Who here has sinned?
We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.
Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

❖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.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM Alice Murphy Banks See Insert

BAPTISMAL HYMN ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*** UMH 611

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
God of Good news, there is reading your Word, there is hearing your Word, and then there is tunneling ourselves into your Word—harvesting your Word, building a home in your Word, laying your Word over us like a blanket, wrapping ourselves in your Word, know your Word like the back of our hand, singing your Word, planting ourselves like a garden in your Word. God, we could listen to scripture like we listen to the news, or we could cocoon ourselves in your Word and it could change us entirely. So bundle us up. Give us the latter. We want to know you. With hopeful hearts we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER Psalm 23 UMH 754
Please join the choir in sung response number 1 when indicated by the red R.

♫❖HYMN OF PREPARATION *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
After the children's moment, children may leave with our staff to go to the nursery. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14
8For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— 9for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
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 ***I Love You This Much*** arr. Marsh
Chancel Choir

❖GOSPEL LESSON John 9:1-3, 32, 33, 39-41
As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.
32Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."
39Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." 40Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.
May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **"Seeking: One or Two?"** 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 ***How Great Thou Art*** arr. Sinclair

♫❖ 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.

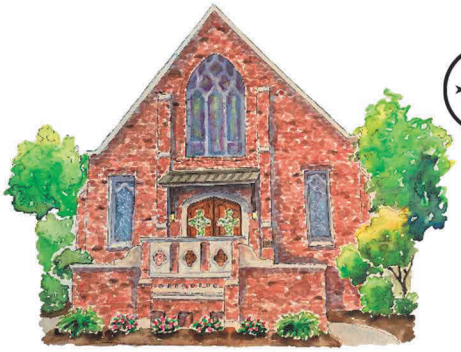
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♫❖ HYMN OF INVITATION ***Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*** (v. 1, 3, 4) UMH 581

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE ***Crucifer*** Nicholson

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage between Ellen Ray Chitty and Richard Hill Cater. The couple was married in our Sanctuary in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, March 14, 2026. They will reside in Birmingham, Alabama, where they will continue to honor their pledge to their Christian nuptials.



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 $54,311

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

UPCOMING WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am	Ascension Modern Service (FH)
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
5:00pm	Youth
Monday	Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP) Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)
Tuesday	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP)
Wednesday	The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW) Handbell Practice, 5:00pm Choir Practice, 6:00pm Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (FP)
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

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Maria Coleman, *Bob Cook, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, Marcia Golson, Holly Hastings (Dee Dee Cook's sister), Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

EASTER CANDY is now being collected for our Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt. Please place donations on the Fellowship Hall counter. CANDY SHOULD BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED AND NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU LUNCH – March 22, 2026, 12:15pm
This is an opportunity to get to know your church family above and beyond a quick greeting in passing. Please sign up through the link in your newsletter, or let Darren or Jennifer know you plan to attend.

PALM SUNDAY is March 29, and we have a lot of things planned. At both services, our children will process in waving palms and will sing for us. At 12:00pm, we will have a church-wide lunch, with meat, hot sides, and dessert provided. Please bring a cold side dish to share. After lunch, there will be an egg hunt for the children.

GOOD FRIDAY FIELD TRIP

You are invited to join Pastors Darren and Jennifer, District Superintendent Rev. Sheila Bates, Deaconess Clara Ester, and members of APUMC on Good Friday, April 3, 2026, for a congregational pilgrimage to the Legacy Museum and memorial sites in Montgomery, Alabama.
Cost: $75 per person (includes transportation, meals, and admission)
Click on the link in your newsletter to reserve your spot.