



Christ on the Road to Emmaus



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

## 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.*

## PRELUDE

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Bettcher

## ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Erica Tanner

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**Alleluia!**

By his rising, we are free from the fear of death.

**Alleluia!**

By his love, we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

## ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*Sing with All the Saints of Glory*

UMH 702

## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit, kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed, that we may receive you with joy. Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 116

UMH 837-838

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

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

**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.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Wagner

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

SERMON

“Every One of You”

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

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*God So Loved the World*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Wagner

♪❖ 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

*The Day of Resurrection*

UMH 303

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

*Hymn to Joy*

Beethoven

☞ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Bennett Christine Wright, daughter of Rev. Micah and Dr. Kristen Wright and sister to Callie.



### UPCOMING WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)

**Monday** Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)  
Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

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

**Wednesday** Handbell Practice, 5:00pm  
Choir Practice, 6:00pm  
Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (WP)

**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, \*Kay Adkins, 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, \*Libba Lyon, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, Emily McGough, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lon Spencer, Joe Stuart, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*\*new concern this week*)

### THE FOREVER YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

began a new study today, focused on Methodism and its core beliefs. It's not too late to join in the book study of *Being Methodist Christians* by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan, and Sally Langford. All are welcome to join the discussion on Sundays at 10:00am in the Wisteria Parlor!

GOOD FRIDAY SHOW AND TELL -April 26 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Parlor. All are invited to continue the conversation from our recent trip to the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery.

USA CAMPUS OUTREACH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT -April 26 at 3:00pm at USA. We are planning another fellowship opportunity with our young friends from the University of South Alabama.

### SENIOR SUNDAY -May 3

Join us for a reception in the Fellowship Parlor at 10:00am as we celebrate our graduating high school seniors.

### STATUE DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION -May 10

Join us on the playground for a brief ceremony and reception at 10:00am as we dedicate a statue in honor of Chee Chee Street's 50 years of service to Ashland Place UMC. We are thankful for her dedication!

### SUMMER FUN FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

See your newsletter for more information.

- Vacation Bible School sign ups are going on now! (June 8-11 for those completing PK3-5th Grade)
- Summer Camp at Blue Lake (July 20-24 for those completing 3rd-5th grade)
- Youth Backpacking trip in Virginia (June 20-25 for rising 6th graders through

### 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 \$10,320



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

ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses

### Sing with All the Saints of Glory

UMH 702

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th' eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices; Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

### Nothing but the Blood

UMH 362

1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

3. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

4. This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

## Responsive Psalter: Psalm 116

### Psalm 116

RESPONSE 1 (Easter & General)

Ps. 116:19b,8  
Carlton R. Young



I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications, and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"**

**R**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

**I walk before the Lord in the land of living.**

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

**I said in my consternation, "All humans are a vain hope."**

**R**

What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

**R**