

Swanson, John August, *Psalm 23*

## PRELUDE

*Grand Jeu*  
Alicia Luttrell

Guilain

## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Dr. Darren McClellan

*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

Stephanie Alexander

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

**For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

**For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

## 🎵❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*Thine Be the Glory*

UMH 308

## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 23

UMH 754

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

*Today's Acolytes: Sally and Annie Dodson*

❖ *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 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

*God of Great and God of Small*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Fettke

❖GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-11

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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

SERMON

"A Table in the Valley"

Rev. Jennifer Porto

❖ 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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*I Have This Hope*  
Daniel O'Keefe

Donehey, Ingram & Owen

♪❖ 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*

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❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

*Blest Be His Name*

Lester

☞ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bob Lee's Birthday, by Phebe Lee.



**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, \*Carl George (Chance George's father), 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** is now studying the book *Being Methodist Christians* by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan, and Sally Langford today. All are welcome to join them at 10:00am in the Wisteria Parlor.

**USA CAMPUS OUTREACH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** - TODAY at 3:00pm at Sage Park. 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 19-26 for rising 6th graders through 2026 graduates)

**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 \$14,791



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

ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses

### Thine Be the Glory

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1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

### Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

### The Day of Resurrection

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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 23

### Psalm 23

Ps. 23:1

**RESPONSE 1** (*Lent, Christ the King & General*)

Joseph Gelineau

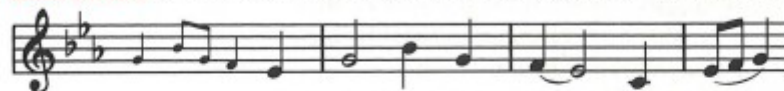


My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

Jn. 10:10

**RESPONSE 2** (*Easter & Funerals and Memorial Services*)

Richard Proulx



The Good Shep-herd comes that we



may have life and have it a - bun - dant - ly.

Alternate response at Ps. 25, response 2.

### **R**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**  
leads me beside still waters,
- 3 restores my life,  
**leads me in right paths**  
for the sake of the Lord's name.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
**for you are with me;**  
**your rod and your staff,**  
**they comfort me. R**
- 5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
**you anoint my head with oil,**  
**my cup overflows.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**  
**as long as I live. R**