



ASHLAND PLACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER FOR **VIRTUAL WORSHIP**
September 13, 2020 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Day by Day
Jennifer Bemis, piano

arr. Berry

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

♪ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Church's One Foundation

545

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came
and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood
he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith,
one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope
she presses,
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church
victorious
shall be the church at rest.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM READING

Psalm 149

♫ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

731

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

OFFERTORY PRAYER and MOMENT OF PRAISE *In His Time*
Virtual Choir

Ball

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MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

After each petition, the congregation will respond:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy True

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 7:24-27**

SERMON

Life as a House: Foundation
I Corinthians 3:10-17

Dr. Sterling Boykin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Benediction Medley

arr. Hayes

ROSE ON THE ALTAR We extend Christian love and congratulations to Austin and Carlie Hynson, and big brother Carter, who are announcing the birth of Katherine Grey Hynson on September 3rd. Proud grandparents are Paula Hynson, and Kathy and Raymond McCaffrey.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by your clergy and staff in celebration of worship together.



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This Week's Opportunities:

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Ascension Modern Service—9:00 a.m.

Children's Zoom Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
(atrue@apumc.com)

Wesley Class Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
on Zoom (coachsps@bellsouth.net)

Traditional Sanctuary Service—11:00 a.m.
Confirmation — 6:00 p.m.

Monday—Prayers of the People—emailed

Tuesday—Pastor's Bible Study on Hosea (Zoom),
6:00 p.m. (kwright@apumc.com)

Wednesday— Mid-Week Devotional — website,
YouTube & email

Thursday—Men's Bible Study — 7:00 a.m.
(bring a chair, meet outside New Parlor)

Daily — Daily Readings & Reflections — emailed to
our "Newsletter" list

2020 GENEROUS GIVING UPDATE

For Sunday, September 6, 2020:

Giving Received: \$ 8,932
Giving Needed Weekly: \$ 16,156

Year to Date Information as of August:

Giving Received: \$ 457,945
Giving Needed: \$ 514,140

This is the 15th Sunday after Pentecost and we are in Ordinary Time, so the paraments are green. Dr. Sterling Boykin will be preaching the first sermon from a new series entitled: Life As A House. This week's focus will be on the Foundation.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 20th, you will have the option of joining us for "In-Person" traditional worship at 11:00 a.m., or you can continue to attend a virtual worship service through Facebook, YouTube, or the website. If you would like to attend the Traditional In-Person service, reserve your spot by *Wednesday 9/16* at:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C0D4FAAAE2CA3FEC34-september1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAAAE2CA3FEC34-september1)

or call the Church Office at 478-6356. We have capacity for up to 40-50 people so seating is on a "first come" basis through the reservations site. (Note: We reached our maximum capacity for maintaining social distancing by Tuesday last week.) Sign Up begins at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN: Please keep these individuals in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Margaret Graham, Ervetta Haas, Freddie Jones, Thalia Laird, Burton Roton, Nyla Smith, Kathryn Willingham, those with Covid-19, healthcare workers, teachers, administrators and students.

CHILDREN'S ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL Miss Amy has a few spots left for anyone who would like to join Zoom Sunday School! If your child would like to participate on Sunday mornings at 10:00, we'll catch up, read bible stories, make crafts, and maybe even sing a little! You can sign up by emailing Amy at atrue@apumc.com.

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Masks to be worn by everyone (aged 2 years and over)

Reservations needed

Both Virtual Services will continue to be available on Sundays

We are currently advised to allow 20% of available occupancy,
so we have limited the number of attendees in the sanctuary
to between 40 and 50 people.

When we reach capacity of available space
(for seating with social distancing) we will close the sign up.

Each week, the sign up will *begin* at 2 p.m. on Sunday,
and close when capacity is met.