

# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 8, 2021 ▪ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

— WE GATHER —

## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

*Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew pads.*

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## PRELUDE

*More Love to Thee, O Christ with Nearer, My God to Thee*  
Jennifer Bemis, organ

arr. Evanovich

## ❖ COLLECT

**Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 forever. Amen.**

## ❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

*For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)*

UMH 92

## ❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to greet those near you with the words, "Peace be with you" and respond with "And also with you."*

— WE LISTEN —

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy McMaken

**Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine on our path. Inspire us to meditate on that word, and follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light which shines more and more until it is perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PSALTER *Responsive Reading from Psalm 34*

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together!

**I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to God and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**The poor cried out, and the Lord heard, and saved them out of all their troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear God, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

## ACT OF PRAISE

*How Can I Keep From Singing*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Burkhardt

❖ *Please Stand, Bold Print— Congregation Reads Aloud*

**EPISTLE LESSON      Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5 <sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

❖ **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*We Gather Together*

UMH 131

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

Blessing of the Teachers

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of Wisdom,  
we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings,  
and the opportunity to learn and to wonder.

We pray for teachers, students, staff, and their families, that this year might be rewarding for all.  
Be with our teachers as they face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure,  
the expectations of parents, friends, and self.

In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world.

**Holy Spirit, bless now these teachers. Fill their classrooms with learning and their hearts with compassion.  
Give them focus, patience and creativity as they educate our children.  
And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.**

**GOSPEL LESSON      John 6:35, 41-51**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Ordinary Grace*

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

— WE RESPOND —

❖ 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*

♪ 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. A-men. A-men.

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER and OFFERTORY

*Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!*

Arr. Rice

♪ 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

*During the Hymn of Invitation, those who wish to join this congregation of the United Methodist Church are invited to come to the chancel rail to meet with the pastors.*

❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

*Come Thou Fount (verse 1)*

UMH 234

❖ BENEDICTION

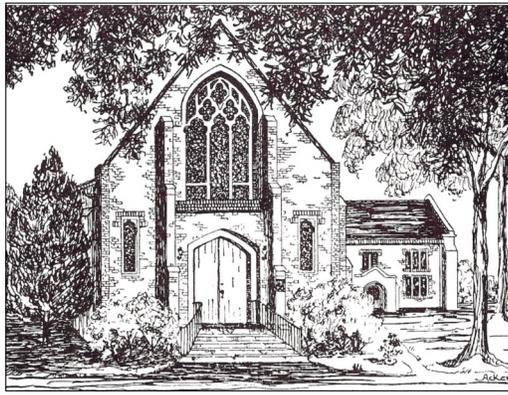
POSTLUDE

*Declaration*

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to our Ashland Place family for all the prayer and support we have received, by Kathy & Ramsay Stuart and Law & Lisa Stuart.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Thalia Laird who passed away on Saturday, July 31. She was 98 years old and had been a member of Ashland Place for over 40 years. A service was held on Friday, August 6th.



## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**Ascension Modern Service** — 9:00 a.m. \*

Wesley Class Adult Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.

**Traditional Sanctuary Service** — 11:00 a.m. \*

\* Nursery (infant—2nd grade) is available in The Landing

**Tuesday** - Prayer Shawl Ministry — 10:00 a.m. (Parlor)

**Thursday** - Men's Bible Study — 7:00 a.m. (Parlor)

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Dr Sterling Boykin sboykin@apumc.com
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev Kristen Wright kwright@apumc.com
<b>Traditional Music Director</b>	Jennifer Bemis
<b>Contemporary Music Director</b>	Amy True
<b>Youth Director, Communication</b>	Lee Ann Boykin
<b>Church Administrator</b>	Pam Bostick
<b>Media Director</b>	Jon Miller
<b>Preschool Director</b>	Mary Hunter Fuller
<b>Building Steward</b>	Quinton McConnell
<b>Nursery Director</b>	Sarah Willingham
<b>Church Office</b>	251-478-6356

## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these members in your prayers: Ina Boykin\*, Jean Brown, Pierce Coggin, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Todd Golomb\*, Ruffin Graham, Ervetta Haas, Cathy Irby, Steve Johnson, Freddie Jones, David Mann, Peggy Mann, Haley Maxime, Lexi Mayhall, Michael Pierce, Sr, Burton Roton, Nancy Scott, Nyla Smith, Lonn Spencer, Law Stuart, Kathryn Willingham.

(\*New this week)

Contact Pam Bostick in the Church Office to add someone to this prayer list for our Intercessory prayer group, &/or for the printed bulletin.

## BACKPACKS, SUPPLIES & TOILET PAPER

Please consider donating backpacks &/or school supplies that will be given to needy students in our area. Also, we were informed that the residents at Sybil Smith Village at Dumas Wesley are in desperate need of toilet paper. Drop off for all items can be Church Office or worship areas.

## WELCOME

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. Feel free to contact one of our pastors, or a staff member if we can assist you in any way.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

2021 UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, August 1st

Giving Received: \$ 8,648

Giving Needed Weekly: \$ 15,806

To give safely online, visit [www.apumc.com](http://www.apumc.com) and click on the "GIVE" tab.



**GOD BLESS YOU!** For the next 6 weeks, we will pray blessings over different groups and projects in our worship services. Each week will include a Ministry Moment highlighting:

- August 8 — Blessing of the Teachers
- August 15 — Blessing of the Backpacks & Students
- August 22 — Blessing of the Athletes
- August 29 — Blessing of those who Serve
- Sept. 5 — Blessing over Vocations

Please make plans to join us in praying for these individuals each Sunday.

## **FALL KICK OFF SUNDAY is September 12th**

- ONE Worship Service, 9:00 in Parking Lot
- 9:30 Service Projects for everyone
- 12:00 Churchwide Lunch
- Youth bring flipflops for McKemie Place and wear/bring bathing suit. Please rsvp for transportation to laboykin@apumc.com.

## Hymns for 8/8/2021—Virtual Worship

### For the Beauty of the Earth UMH 92

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

5. For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

### We Gather Together UMH 246

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### Come Thou Fount UMH 432

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

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