



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter ▪ May 22, 2022

— WE GATHER —

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Kristen Curtis Wright

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

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Handbell Choir

arr. Wiltse

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Travis Bedsole

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: **Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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❖ 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

Almighty God, the true understanding of your holy Word helps us to grow into the fullness of the salvation you freely offer in Christ. Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word and silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALTER *Responsive Reading from Psalm 67*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

❖ Please Stand, **Bold Print** – Congregation Reads Aloud
† Children 4 yrs to 4th grade leave for Children's Chapel

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 3:10-17

¹⁰Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹²Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

❖ HYMN OF PREPARATION *And Can It Be that I Should Gain (vs. 1, 3, 5)*

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† *During the hymn, children (4 yrs thru 4th grade) are invited to go to Children's Chapel. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 15:1-21

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; ⁹and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." ¹²The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. ¹⁵This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, ¹⁶'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, ¹⁷so that all other peoples may seek the Lord — even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.' ¹⁹Therefore, I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. ²¹For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues."

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

SERMON*Grow! In Understanding*

Dr. Sterling Boykin

— 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

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Great is Thy Faithfulness
Handbell Choir

arr. Donrinski

♪ 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

❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs. 1, 4)

UMH 420

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Oh, Worship the King

arr. Burkhardt

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in memory of Luther Tate by his parents:
Jim & Becky Tate and Beth & Reid Thomas.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 22, 2022 —

Ascension Modern Service — 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Sanctuary Service — 11:00 a.m.
Youth — 6:00 p.m.

Monday — Celebration of Life for Luther Tate
Visitation at 11:00 (Fellowship Hall)
Service at 12:00 (Sanctuary)

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

Wednesday — Grow! Bible Study — 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday — Men's Bible Study — 7:00 a.m. (Wisteria Parlor)
Service Project — 10:00 a.m. (West Side UMC)
Boston Butt Pick Up — 4:00 p.m. (Kitchen)

MISSIONS BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER

If you ordered a Boston Butt from our Missions Committee, you may pick it up after 4:00 on May 26th, in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

GROW! IN OUR UNITED METHODIST UNDERSTANDING

Join us for this study on Sunday mornings (Rm. 221 upstairs above the Parlor), or on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Class is led by our pastors and while we are not serving a meal, you are welcome to bring your supper.

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR QUADW

This summer Spring Hill Avenue UMC is hosting QuadW missional interns at West Side UMC. Our Mobile district churches have come together to furnish space for the group, but we can still help on Thursday, May 26, from 10 to 12pm with room set up, assembling furniture, and some cleaning. Additional ways to help are listed in this week's E-news. Contact Rev. Kristen at kwright@apumc.com for service on May 26th.

SPECIAL PLANTING PROJECT

If you would still like to honor a parent or grandparent, or parental figure for Mother's Day, or Father's Day on June 19th, you are invited to complete the flyer, or to click on the link provided in the E-newsletter. We will be purchasing small evergreen Sasanqua camellias and other plants that are beautiful and long lasting to replace some shrubs on our church grounds. Names of honorees will be listed in the bulletin and E-Newsletter again in June. The cost per honoree is \$25 or whatever you feel appropriate.

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

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CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these members in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Marcia Golson, Ruffin Graham, June and Jim Harter, Freddie Jones, Peggy Mann, Haley Maxime, Lexi Mestas Mayhall, Michael Pierce, Sr, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Nancy Scott, Joann Smith, Nyla Smith, Lon Spencer, Law Stuart, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Becky Tate, Bob Thomson, 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR HANDBELL CHOIR!

We appreciate the talents of our Handbell Choir! Thanks to Stephanie Alexander, Jane Finley, Phebe Lee, Susan Santoli, Averell Stuart, and Pam Weaver for ringing today.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & SERVICE SQUAD

June 6 thru 9th — 9 a.m. to Noon

By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead! **Registration is still open for participants and volunteers until May 27th.** We welcome volunteers of all ages. Please go to the website to register under Connect.

Hymns for 5/22/2022—

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies UMH 173

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

And Can It Be that I Should Gain UMH 363

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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3. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
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for O my God, it found out me!

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

HONOR YOUR MOTHER...OR YOUR FATHER!

As Ashland Place UMC
begins replacing several
plants on the grounds --
you have an opportunity to
honor a parent,
grandparent or loved one
by making
a \$25 donation
(per honoree)



Small evergreen Sasanqua camellias will be used primarily and are beautiful and long lasting.

Donor Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Missions Fundraiser

IT'S BBQ TIME!

Pre-Order a Boston Butt for your Memorial Day Weekend!
5 lb. Boston Butts grilled to perfection for \$20 donation.

*Pick Up
Thursday, May 26th, after 4:00 p.m.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ # of Boston Butts

_____ Making Payment Online

_____ Payment Attached

_____ Will Pay When Pick Up

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