



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024 ▪ 11th Sunday after Pentecost

— 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

Trust in Him Op. 142, No. 2
Alicia Luttrell

Schubert

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Caroline Hinds

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (verses 1, 4)

UMH 731

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins – both things we have done and things we have left undone – in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen.

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

— WE LISTEN —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 78

UMH 799-800

❖ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Just as I Am, Without One Plea (Verses 1-4)

UMH 357

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

ACT OF PRAISE

Joe Stuart

❖GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵Jesus 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.'

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

SERMON

"Who Brought the Bread?"

Dr. Darren McClellan

— WE RESPOND —

❖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.

INVITATION, CONFESSION and PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance* arr. Luttrell

♪ ❖ 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Service of Word and Table II* UMH 13-15

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

— WE GO FORTH —

❖ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

❖ HYMN OF INVITATION *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (verse 1) UMH 127

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE *Austria* Haydn

☞ **CHRISTIAN LOVE and SYMPATHY** to the Boykin family upon the death of Sterling's mother, Ina Boykin, on July 30.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 4, 2024

- 9:00am **Ascension Modern Service** (FH)
- 10:00am **Sunday School**
- 11:00am **Traditional Sanctuary Service** (S)
- 12:00pm Ladies Who Lunch (WP)

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

Wednesday The Joseph Project, 10:00am (DW)
Choir Practice, 6:00pm

Thursday

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)
- 9:30am The Joseph Project (DW)

Friday Office Closed

FP-Fellowship Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WP-Wisteria Parlor
DW-Dumas Wesley, 126 Mobile Street

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Please check the newsletter for the sign-up genius link to RSVP for a small group meeting where we will enjoy fellowship and talk about the future of Ashland Place. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall hallway.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR COFFEE?

Please check the newsletter for the sign-up genius link to have breakfast, lunch or coffee with Pastor Darren. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall hallway.

HELP THE JOSEPH PROJECT

The Joseph Project is in need of cleaning supplies and other household items such as toilet paper and paper towels. Please leave them on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

A new season of choir will start this Wednesday at 6pm. Please contact Alicia Luttrell at musicdirector@apumc.com if you are interested in joining this group of talented individuals.

EXCITING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 18TH

Our annual blessing of the backpacks will take place at both services, and parents of children in grades K-5 are invited to attend a Sunday School Open House at 10:00am in The Landing.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, Dalco Beech (Jarita George's father), Jean Brown & son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Linda Chamlee, *Dee Dee Cook, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Ruffin Graham, Bill Higgs, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Tee Hope, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, Tyler Mazey, John Parker, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Joan Waldron, Lynne Weeks, Kathryn Willingham
(*new concern this week)

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.



Please fill out a CONNECT card (in pew rack or using this QR code), email or call one of our pastors, or to contact a staff member if we can assist you in any way.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

2024 YTD Needed: \$491,970 YTD Received: \$361,912
Needed Weekly: \$15,870 Offering Received 7/28: \$6,639



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ONLINE GIVING

Hymns and Responses for August 4, 2024

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

UMH 731

1. 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.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
makes us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises,
rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.

Responsive Psalter—Psalm 78

UMH 799

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching: incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Things that we have heard and known, that our forebears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might, and wonders God has wrought.

The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle.

They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to God's law.

They forgot the deeds of the Lord, the miracles that God had shown them.

The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,

The Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap,

Led them with a cloud in the daytime, and all the night with a fiery light,

Cleft rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

Made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Yet they sinned still more against God, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.

They spoke against God, saying,

"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

Indeed! God struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed! Can God also give bread, or provide meat for the people."

They did not believe in his wonders, so God made their days like a breath, turned their years into terror.

Whenever God slew them, they would inquire after God, repent, and seek God earnestly.

They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer,

Whom they flattered with their mouths, to whom they lied with their tongues.

Their heart was not steadfast toward God; they were not true to God's covenant.

Yet God, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.