



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Sandifer, Karen, *Still Waters*

PRELUDE

O How I Love Jesus
Alicia Luttrell

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WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Julie Hare

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

Donna Carroll

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

The night expounds God's knowledge without word,

And yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

UMH 75

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 112

UMH 833

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

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit **Bold Print** – Congregation Reads Aloud
Hearing amplifier devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:21-33

²¹My child, do not let these escape from your sight: keep sound wisdom and prudence, ²²and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. ²³Then you will walk on your way securely and your foot will not stumble. ²⁴If you sit down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. ²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the storm that strikes the wicked; ²⁶for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. ²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. ²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it" – when you have it with you. ²⁹Do not plan harm against your neighbor who lives trustingly beside you. ³⁰Do not quarrel with anyone without cause, when no harm has been done to you. ³¹Do not envy the violent and do not choose any of their ways; ³²for the perverse are an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence. ³³The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the abode of the righteous.

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

MORNING PRAYER

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

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SERMON

"Upright, Out of Sight!"

Dr. Darren McClellan

❖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.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord
Valencia Montgomery with Chancel Choir

arr. Sherman

♪❖ 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

UMH 13-15

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

Old 100th

Bourgeois

✠ **FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Helen Gray Parker and Michael David Lusco Howard on October 3rd, and in loving honor of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hube Parker III. Helen Gray is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hube Parker IV.



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 \$6,189



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ONLINE GIVING

THIS WEEK AT APUMC

9:00am	Ascension Worship Service (FH)
10:00am	Sunday School
11:00am	Traditional Worship Service (S)
Monday	Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP) Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)
Tuesday	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am (FP) Virtual Book Club with Darren, 4:00pm (Zoom)
Wednesday	Handbell Practice, 5:00pm Choir Practice, 6:00pm
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, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Michelle Daigle (John Daigle's niece), Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Carl George (Chance George's father), Marcia Golson, Holly Hastings (Dee Dee Cook's sister), Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Libba Lyon, Julie McLeod, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Sandy Tones, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

UPDATES FOR TODAY

Due to the inclement weather, Blessing of the Pets and the Jam Session have been rescheduled for October 11 at 4:00 and 4:30pm.

APUMC PRESCHOOL is hosting an open house on Tuesday, October 6 at 9:45am, and is also looking for some additional teachers. Please spread the word. More information is in your newsletter.

PUMPKIN PATCH WITH DWUMC

This year, we're excited to partner with Dauphin Way UMC to help with their annual Pumpkin Patch! We'll need volunteers during the week of October 18-24. This partnership allows us to receive a share of the proceeds, which will benefit our United Appeal Fund. A link to sign up is in your newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Administrative Board Meeting—October 15, Fellowship Hall, 12pm

Consecration Sunday and Brunch—Sunday, October 18, Worship Services @ 9 and 11am, Brunch @10am.

Trunk or Treat—Sunday, October 25, 4-5:30pm. We are now collecting individually wrapped candy, which can be placed on the Fellowship Hall counter, or brought to the church office. A link to sign up is in your newsletter.

Charge Conference—October 27, Sanctuary, 6pm.

Hymns and Responses

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

UMH 75

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why! the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. [For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety].

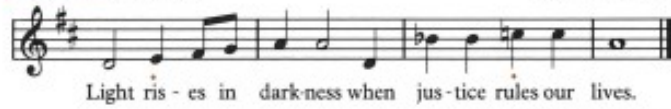
Psalter Reading: Psalm 112

Psalm 112

S T Kimbrough, Jr. (Ps. 112:4,5)

Carlton R. Young

RESPONSE (General)



Alternate response at Ps. 10.

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- 1 Praise the Lord.
Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful and righteous.
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous shall never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever. **R**
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 When they see their adversaries,
their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.
- 9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. **R**