



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 7, 2026 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Pittman, Lauren Wright. *Let There Be*. 2015

## PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
Alicia Luttrell

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## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Jennifer Porto

*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

Sing for joy, heavens and earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! Our Creator has comforted the people and will have compassion for the ones who are suffering.

**Come out! The imprisoned shall have freedom. Show yourselves! Those who live in darkness will see the light of day.**

God will feed you and protect you; God will guide you and ease your way.

**Glory be given to our Protector because God will never forget us; we are inscribed in the palm of God's hands!**

Sing for joy!

**The Comforter has love and compassion for us.**

## ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*I Come with Joy* (v. 1-4)

UMH 617

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Break through our troubled hearts, O God. Let your Holy Spirit open our ears to the comfort of your promises; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 50:7-15

UMH 783-784

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

*Today's Acolyte: Remy Graf*

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

## MORNING PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." <sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

### ♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Trust and Obey*

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### ❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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

### SERMON

**"Enough of the Bull"**

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

*Lord, You Are Near Me*  
Chancel Choir with Harper Ann Booker, soloist

Patterson

### ♪❖ 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

### 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

*My Hope Is Built* (v. 1-3)

UMH 368

### ❖ BENEDICTION

### ❖ POSTLUDE

*Jubilate Amen*

Charles

☞ **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Christopher Roberts by his family.



**THIS WEEK AT APUMC**

9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)

**Monday** Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)

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

**Wednesday** Choir Practice, 6:00pm  
Moral Teachings of Jesus, 6:00pm (FP)

**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, Bob Cook, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, 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, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, Emily McGough, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*\*new concern this week*)

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN UPDATES**

Please contact Rev. Julie Hare, Minister of Community Care, with any updates to the Circle of Concern or other ongoing care needs. You can reach her in the church office at [jhare@apumc.com](mailto:jhare@apumc.com) or 251.478.6356.

**AL-WEST FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will meet June 7-9 at First United Methodist of Pensacola. Our own Rev. Jennifer Porto will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder, and Rev. Tripp Gullede will be ordained as a full Elder on Monday evening at 7pm, and we would love to see some friendly Ashland Place faces there to support her.

**CAN I GET A WITNESS?**

Join us on June 14 for another gathering of "One Room Sunday School" to continue our conversations in pursuit of greater understanding, truth and reconciliation. All are welcome to the Fellowship Parlor at 10:00am.

**SUMMER FUN FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

See your newsletter for more information.

- Summer Camp at Blue Lake (July 20-24 for those completing 3rd -5th grade)
- Youth Backpacking trip in Virginia June 19-26 for high school and college students

**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 \$11,285



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ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses

### *I Come with Joy*

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1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us that makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

### *Trust and Obey*

UMH 467

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

### *My Hope Is Built*

UMH 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the overwhelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

## Responsive Psalter: Psalm 8

### Psalm 50

Ps. 57:5  
Jane Marshall

**RESPONSE** (*Transfiguration & General*)



Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the heavens!

Let your glo - ry o - ver all the earth be found.

Alternate GENERAL response at Ps. 76.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**R**

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

**I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

But I will not accept a bull from your house, nor a he-goat from your folds.

**For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High; and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."**

**R**