



## PRELUDE

*This Is the Day*  
Alicia Luttrell

Mendelssohn

## 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

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

**We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One. Let us worship God.**

## ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (v. 1-2)

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## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known. Amen.

*Today's Acolyte: George Wolf*

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER**

Psalm 138

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*Please join the choir in the sung response when indicated by the red R.***♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION***Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT***After this time, children may leave with our staff to go to the nursery. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

**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.**

**♪ACT OF PRAISE***Send the Light*  
Chancel Choir

arr. harlan

**❖SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

SERMON

"Intro to Hilarity"

Dr. Darren McClellan

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

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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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Sanborn

♪❖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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖HYMN OF INVITATION

*Forward Through the Ages* (v. 1-2)

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❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

*Austria*

Haydn



## 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    \$6,991



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ONLINE GIVING

## 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)  
              Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

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

**Wednesday**    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, Jackson Alexander, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, 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, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lon Spencer, Sherry Thomson, \*Sandy Tones, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*\*new concern this week*)

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has started back, but it's not too late to join them from 10-11:30am every Monday. Mahjong Monday will also continue immediately following Bible study. Whether you're an experienced player or have never played before, you are invited to stay, connect with others, and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

## GAME DAY NEXT SUNDAY!

We will have one "Jesus Pep Rally" worship service at 10:00am, followed by a tailgate lunch at, flag football tournament, games, music, and lots of FUN. Wear your team colors too!

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** on September 6 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

## OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

## VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY – Begins September 8

Pastor Darren will begin a virtual book study on Rev. James Lawson's book *Nonviolence*. See your newsletter for more information and a link to sign up.

## TEAMING WITH TANZANIA

Join us Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, and a special "Teaming with Tanzania" presentation. Rev. Eric Soard, Exec. Director of Wesley College Foundation, and Jackson Sampson, a Wesley College graduate, will share their experiences and the exciting work God is doing in Tanzania. Come hear their stories, learn how God is working through this ministry, and discover how you can be part of it!

## COMMUNITY CARE UPDATES

Please contact Rev. Julie Hare with all of your ongoing community care needs, including circle of concern updates, births and death. You can reach her at jhare@apumc.com or 251.478.6356.

## Hymns and Responses

### *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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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.

2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

### *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

### *Forward Through the Ages*

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1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine; gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

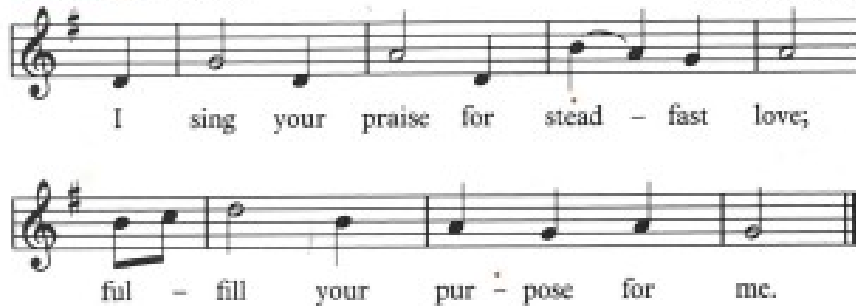
2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

## Responsive Psalter: Psalm 138

### Psalm 138

**RESPONSE** (General)

Ps. 138:1,2,6  
Gary Alan Smith



**R**

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;  
**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness;**  
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.  
**On the day I called, you answered me, you strengthened my life.**

**R**

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
**for they have heard the words of your mouth;**  
and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.  
**for great is the glory of the Lord.**  
For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly;  
**yet knows the haughty from afar.**

**R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;  
**you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies and your right hand delivers me.**  
O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;  
**O Lord, may your steadfast love endure for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**R**