



Jones, Owen, *Joseph Cast into the Pit*



ASHLAND PLACE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026 11th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Sunday
Alicia Luttrell

Gurlitt

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

Emily McGough

God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes

Through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord

And the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

With thanksgiving, praise the Lord! Amen!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in our doubts and fears. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and love. 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 our present trouble and promised triumph, open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 85:1-13

UMH 806

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

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

After the children's moment, children may leave with our staff to go to the nursery. Following the service, parents can meet their children in The Landing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

Lead Me On!
Chancel Choir

McDonald

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

❖ 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O For a Thousand Tongues 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Madeline Breau

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖ HYMN OF INVITATION

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

Lobe Den Herren

arr. Bennett

✠ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR — to my husband (Calvin) myself (Valencia) and to all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of August. Happy birthday and to God Be the Glory!



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

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, 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, Richard LeMaitre (Kathy McMaken's Brother in Law), Libba Lyon, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Garet "Ret" Seibt (Nancy Seibt's stepson), Lonn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will take place on Sunday, August 16 during both services. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the new school year.

HOUSEWARMING FOR CRYSTAL ROBERTS

All are invited to a housewarming for Crystal Roberts on Sunday, August 16 at 10:00am in the Wisteria Parlor. Crystal and her son AJ moved into their first home earlier this year. See your newsletter for a link to a wish list and a sign-up to bring food.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY will resume on Monday, August 17, from 10-11:30am and will continue with part 2 of Conversations at the Table. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our second annual flag football tournament and community tailgate will be held Sunday, August 30th. 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.

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

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 \$9,336



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Hymns and Responses

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. [With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.] Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

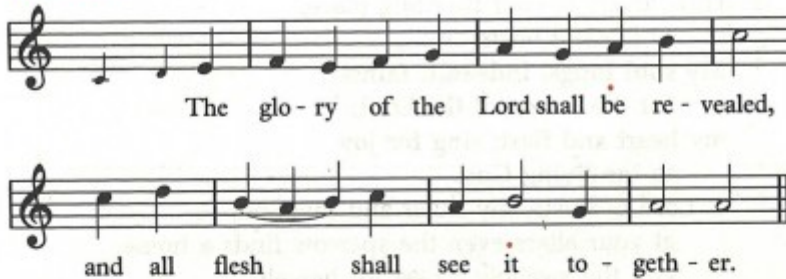
1. How firm a foundation, yet saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Psalm 85

Is. 40:5

RESPONSE (*Advent & General*)

Jane Marshall



Alternate response at Ps. 91.

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- ¹ Lord, you showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
- ³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation. **R**
- ⁸ Let me hear what God will speak,
for the Lord will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.
- ⁹ Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- ¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before the Lord,
and make God's footsteps a way. **R**