



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**July 26, 2026 9th Sunday After Pentecost**

Swanson, John August, *Dream of Jacob*

## PRELUDE

*Sabbath Echoes*  
Alicia Luttrell

Bradbury

## WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

*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

Jaren Cook

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

## ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

UMH 540

## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. **Amen.**

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 105:1-11

UMH 828

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

❖ *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 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*O Come to the Altar*  
Wes Cooper

Furtick & Brock

## ❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 29:15-28

<sup>15</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup>Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. <sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup>When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup>Laban said, "This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

❖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

*I Surrender All*

arr. Pethel

♪❖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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

*Venite Adoremus*

Nordman



### 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)

**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, Richard LeMaitre (Kathy McMaken's Brother in Law), Libba Lyon, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, 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*)

### 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, flag football tournament, games, music, and lots of FUN!

### 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](mailto:jhare@apumc.com) or 251.478.6356.

### 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.



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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received Last Sunday \$55,101



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ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses

### *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

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1. I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend, to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

### *When Love is Found*

UMH 643

1. When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one. When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our Maker's joy.
2. When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each day, that love may dare to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
3. When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange, till ease returns, and love grows wise through listening ears and opened eyes.
4. When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade, till lovers keep no score of wrong, but hear through pain love's Easter song.
5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in husband, wife. Lift up your hearts, let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

### *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; (give to thee) I will ever give to thee.

## Psalm 105:1-11

**RESPONSE** (*Lent & General*)

Is. 40:31a  
Don E. Saliers

