



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2026 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Swanson, John August, *Dream of Jacob*

PRELUDE

If With All Your Hearts
Alicia Luttrell

Mendelssohn

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

Laureen Lynn

Blessed be God whose Word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

Whose love has conquered death.

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

Who leads us into life.

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-2)

UMH 116

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit, that the mystery of your heavenly realm is made evident here on earth. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

UMH 749

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

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH 599

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

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

MORNING PRAYER

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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SERMON

Jacob Part 4: No More Running

Rev. Jennifer Porto

❖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

How Beautiful
Chancel Choir

arr. Greer

♫❖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

The God of Abraham Praise (v. 3-4)

UMH 116

❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

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✠ **ROSE ON THE ALTAR** is in celebration of the birth of Nathaniel Rath, son of Silvia and Will Rath.



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 \$10,552



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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)

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

Wednesday The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)
Choir Practice, 6:00pm

Thursday Men's Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)
The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)
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), Lonnn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

LADIES WHO LUNCH will meet on Sunday, August 9 in the Wisteria Parlor at 12:00pm. A \$10 donation is appreciated, and please RSVP by Wed, August 5 to lwstreet@gmail.com.

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

Hymns and Responses

The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend. I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore, and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

Break Thou the Bread of Life

UMH 599

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee; then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

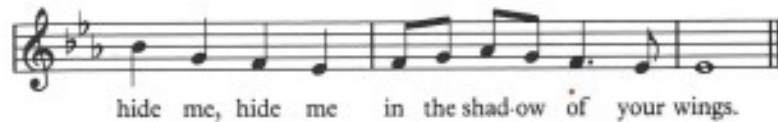
Responsive Psalter: Psalm 17

Psalm 17:1-7,15

Ps. 17:8

RESPONSE (General)

Jane Marshall



Alternate response at Ps. 63.

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- 1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- 2 From you let my vindication come!
Let your eyes see the right!
- 3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
- 4 Concerning what others do:
I have avoided the ways of the violent
by following your word.
- 5 My steps have held fast to your paths,
my feet have not slipped. **R**
- 6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- 7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 15 As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your
presence. **R**