



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 12, 2025 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Hoover, Debra, *Come Fill Our Hearts*

– *We Gather* –

PRELUDE

If with All Your Hearts
From "Elijah"
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

Will Rath

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

You are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Come to Us

Cooney

1. Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened. Come to the Word, and come to the meal, come without question or pressure or price: Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.
2. Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger, looking for change, or challenge, or light. We all are people whose calling is care, bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.
3. Come to me, come to us, broken or building. Come with your children, your choices, your chains. All are invited to friendship or rest, to share in our struggle, our call, and our quest.

Today's Acolyte: George Wolf

❖ *Please Stand in body or spirit* **Bold Print** – *Congregation Reads Aloud*

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

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

– *We Listen* –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit make yourself known to us through the reading and preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses in this life and joyful companions in the next, even with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 84:1-7

UMH 804-805

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (v. 1, 4)

UMH 731

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.

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

Welcome Home
Chancel Choir

Miller

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

SERMON

"Playing Pretend"

Rev. Jennifer Porto

— WE RESPOND —

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's 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

The Building
Don Bowden

Roberts

♪❖ 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.

— WE GO FORTH —

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖ HYMN OF INVITATION *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

Nicaea

Dykes



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

October 12, 2025

- 9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
- 5:30pm Youth (B)

Monday Office Closed for Columbus Day
Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)
Women's Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

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

Wednesday The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)
Handbell Practice, 5:00pm
Choir Practice, 6:00pm
Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (FP)

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

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Blessing of the pets has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 19th at 4:00pm. Bring your pets to the grassy area beside the Fellowship Hall parking lot for a fun time of music, blessings and fellowship!

STEWARDSHIP AND CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Today we continue our stewardship campaign sermon series, "Reaching Out." Consecration Sunday will be October 26th and we will celebrate together with a church-wide brunch at 10:00am, in between the two worship services.

TRUNK OR TREAT – SAVE THE DATE

Trunk or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 29 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please place candy donations on the Fellowship Hall counter. We also need volunteers to host trunks. Please email Caitlyn Lambeth at children@apumc.com if you are willing to host.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND SCRIPTURE

Join us on November 2nd at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, for a night of acoustic worship while reading through the book of James. All are welcome!

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, John Allen, John and Angela Bell, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Barbara Bohnhoff (Becky Mayhall's mother), Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Jake Elder, Mihyon Ellis, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Missy Foose, Marcia Golson, *Curt Graf (Curtis Graf's father), Jim Harter, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Jody Thompson (Pam Bostick's brother-in-law), Louise Thomson, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*new concern this week)

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

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ONLINE GIVING

Hymns and Responses for October 12, 2025

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.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer's blood; Jesus, whom our souls rely on, makes us monarchs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign, and as priests his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, through the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

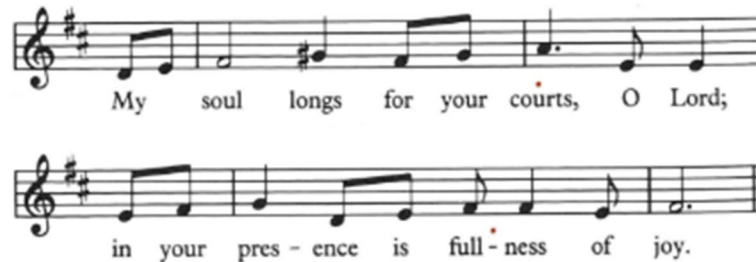
Psalter Reading from Psalm 84

Psalm 84

RESPONSE (General)

Ps. 84:2a;16:11b

Gary Alan Smith



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- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
- ² My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
- ³ O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God,
at your altars even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! **R**
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶ As they go through the valley of tears,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.