



Sacred Art



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026 Ascension Sunday

## PRELUDE

*Allegro*  
Alicia Luttrell

Scarlatti

## 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

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,  
**For God reigns over all the earth!**  
God has gone up with a shout!  
**Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

## ♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

UMH 312

## ❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. Amen.

## RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 47

UMH 781

*Please join the choir in 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**

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Courtney

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**SERMON**

**"You Have My Word"**

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*At the Cross*

arr. Sinclair

♪❖ 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

*Because He Lives* (v. 1, 3)

UMH 364

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

*Resurrection*

Gaither

☞ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joe R. Trammell by Paul and Ellie Fox. Joe's parents were among our initial congregation.



### 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)  
 VBS Workshop and Lunch, 12:00pm (FH)

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

**Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)  
 Choir Practice, 6:00pm  
 Moral Teachings of Jesus, 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

### CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: Fay Adams, Kay Adkins, 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, Andrew Irby, Libba Lyon, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, Emily McGough, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lon Spencer, Averell Stuart, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*\*new concern this week*)

### WELCOME REV. JULIE HARE

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Julie Hare as our new Minister of Community Care. When you see her, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome her to our Ashland Place family. For the next few weeks, let's help her get to know us by wearing a name tag.

### VBS DECORATING WORKSHOPS- We Need Your Help!

Join us for VBS decorating workshops on Monday, May 18 at noon and Sunday, June 7 at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided. No creativity required – we will have specific projects and tasks ready for everyone to help with. Teenagers are invited and can earn service hours.

### ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM MAY 24

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, we will have one combined service next Sunday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The church office will also be closed on Monday, May 25.

### SUMMER FUN FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

See your newsletter for more information.

- Vacation Bible School sign ups are going on now! (June 8-11 for those completing PK3-5th Grade)
- Summer Camp at Blue Lake (July 20-24 for those completing 3rd -5th grade)
- Youth Backpacking trip in Virginia (June 19-26 for rising 6th graders through 2026 graduates)

### 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.

CONNECT

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering Received Last Sunday \$18,046



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ONLINE GIVING

## Hymns and Responses

### Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

UMH 312

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!
3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!
4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

### Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

### Because He Lives

UMH 364

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he [Jesus] gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.
3. And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

## Responsive Psalter: Psalm 47

### Psalm 47

Charles Wesley  
Robert Williams

**RESPONSE** (*Ascension & General*)

Earth and heaven re - peat the cry,  
"Glo - ry be to God on high."

**R**

- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!  
**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
**a great Ruler over all the earth,**
- 3 who subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet,
- 4 **who chose our heritage for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob whom God loves. R**
  
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,  
**the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**
- 7 For God is the Ruler of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm!**
- 8 God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**
- 9 The princes of the people gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God,**  
**who is highly exalted! R**