



Jones, Owen, *Joseph Cast into the Pit*



ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 16, 2026 12th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Larghetto
Alicia Luttrell

Giordani

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

James Galle

God has forgiven us and drawn us close
Reconciling us through Jesus Christ,
who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.
With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ for the World We Sing

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❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us. Lord Jesus, we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Adeline Paige Kiszla

See Baptismal Insert

❖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*

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

♫❖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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives, secured our future, and restored our relationship with God. Remove the shame and fear that cause us to cower in your presence. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 133

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

♫❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

And Are We Yet Alive

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Gracious God, we lift to you today, our students. As they stand ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to study and learn in the school year ahead, let each of our students feel your presence with them. While sitting or standing, walking or running, studying or playing, may they remember that you are always with them.

We ask your blessing on the students.

Further, we ask for your blessings on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. May students be reminded of the love and care that surrounds them each school day. May parents be reminded of the community of faith and know they have our support.

We ask your blessing on the work ahead.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessings. May they feel your presence in the classrooms, playgrounds and hallways. Grant them peace and strength to offer safe havens for learning. Let us embrace their call to teaching and learning and surround them with love and care as well.

We ask your blessing on the teachers and administrators.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

At this time, 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 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to 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.

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

SERMON

Joseph Part II: *Come Here, Brother*

Dr. Darren McClellan

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

♪❖HYMN OF INVITATION

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (v. 1-3)

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❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

Italian Hymn

Giardini



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 \$12,566



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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, Ann Cottrell, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Mihyon Ellis, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Carl George (Chance George's father), Marcia Golson, Holly Hastings (Dee Dee Cook's sister), Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Barbara Hunt, Libba Lyon, Jean McCutchen, John McMurphy, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lonn Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (**new concern this week*)

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY will resume tomorrow, 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.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

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 or 251.478.6356.

Hymns and Responses

Christ for the World We sing

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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sinsick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

And Are We Yet Alive

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1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!
2. Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.
3. What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past, fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!
4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.
5. Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.
6. Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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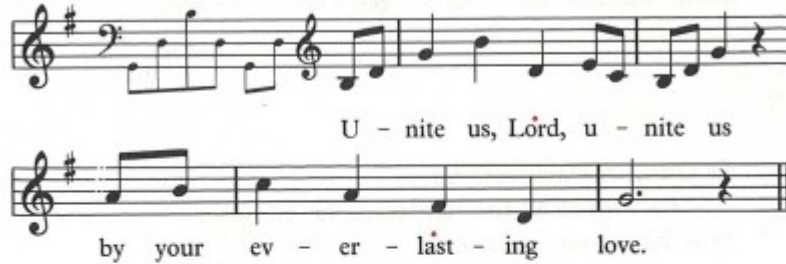
1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

Responsive Psalter: Psalm 133

Psalm 133

RESPONSE (Easter & General)

S T Kimbrough, Jr.
Swedish folk tune



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- ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life for evermore. **R**