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ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 14, 2026 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

My Jesus I Love Thee with *I Love You, Lord*
Alicia Luttrell

arr. Page

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

Stephanie Alexander

God is our refuge and our strength, our present help in tribulation. Even when the mountains fall and tumble into the sea, even when the earth shakes, we have to sing.

We all have to sing! Exalt God among all nations! Praise God!

♪❖HYMN OF PRAISE

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

UMH 427

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things that we allow to erode our faith in you. When life gets stormy, we let our uncertainty cloud our trust in you. We think we know better and start relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain. Forgive our lack of hope and the disbelief that drowns us. Allow us to hold on to you and to build our lives on the foundation of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

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

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

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

All who would like to extend a blessing are invited to come up and kneel at the altar.

We celebrate this special ministry of Ashland Place and give thanks for those who participate in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Out of love and concern for our Christian brothers and sisters, these ladies work to share this tangible gift to those in need. O God, help us all to know who is in need of your healing power and presence and help us reach out to them.

O God of creation, redemption and sustaining grace, we praise you for this opportunity to see the world beyond ours. We thank you for putting those in need on our hearts and in our minds so that we might fully live out your call to love and serve. We ask that you bless these shawls and those who will receive them. May they feel the love, comfort and peace of your presence. And may your light shine in them and be a beacon of hope that is promised to all of us.

May the power of the Holy Spirit live and breathe within each one of us, through these shawls and through the lives that they will touch. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, Lord, speak to us your Word, that hearing it, our hearts may be transformed, our lips may prophesy, and our feet may follow your path, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 100

UMH 821

Please join the choir in sung response #1 when indicated by the red R.

♪❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 21:1-7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

♪ACT OF PRAISE

Somebody's Prayin'
Chancel Choir with Daniel O'Keefe, soloist

arr. Hayes

❖SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

SERMON

"While We Were Weak...Ha!"

Dr. Darren McClellan

❖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

Lift High the Cross

arr. Berry

♪❖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

My Tribute

UMH 99

❖BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

Festal Postlude

Gounod

✠ **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dr. Darren McClellan and family, newly appointed Provisional Elder, Rev. Jennifer Porto, the entire church family and to a successful Annual Conference 2026. May God's word continually be in your hearts. By Valencia and Calvin Montgomery.



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 Office Closed for Staff Retreat
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, 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, Libba Lyon, Tyler Mazey, Jean McCutchen, Emily McGough, John McMurphy, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Nancy Scott, Lon Spencer, Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, Kathryn Willingham, and all caregivers (*new concern this week)

CIRCLE OF CONCERN UPDATES

Please contact Rev. Julie Hare, Minister of Community Care, with any updates to the Circle of Concern or other ongoing care needs. You can reach her in the church office at jhare@apumc.com or 251.478.6356.

STAFF RETREAT-OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, June 17 for a staff planning retreat.

QUADW OUTREACH MINISTRY

We are partnering with the QuadW Outreach Ministry this summer! Every Monday from June 22 until July 20, we will provide dinners for the six QuadW summer interns doing mission work in Mobile. June 22, July 6, and July 13 are still open for individuals, groups, and/or Sunday School classes to sign up to participate. The meals may be delivered to their housing site at 5:30 p.m. on those Mondays or you may host a meal in your home. Please contact Rev. Jennifer if you are interested in participating.

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 \$22,947



To support the many ministries of APUMC, please scan this QR code and donate online.

ONLINE GIVING

Hymns and Responses

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

UMH 427

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness, from woman's grief, man's burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.
4. The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.
5. O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.
6. Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod, till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

My Tribute


UMH 99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Psalm 100

Edward H. Plumptre
Arthur H. Messiter

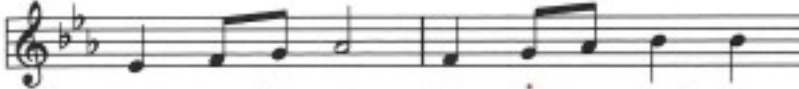
RESPONSE 1 (*Thanksgiving, Morning Prayer & General*)




Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

Charles Wesley
Timothy E. Kimbrough

RESPONSE 2 (*General*)



Make joy - ful noise, lift up your voice! Ye



na - tions of the earth, re - joice!

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- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
- ² Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!
- ³ Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.
We are the Lord's;
we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.
- ⁴ Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God's name!
- ⁵ For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures for ever;
God's faithfulness to all generations. **R**