



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2024 ▪ 17th Sunday after Pentecost

## — WE GATHER —

### PRELUDE

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Alicia Luttrell

arr. Whitworth

### WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Dr. Darren McClellan

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

### OPENING PRAISE

*Come, Let Us Worship*  
Children's Choir

arr. Houts

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Erica Tanner

Look at the heavens!

**They are shouting the glory of God.**

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer! Amen.**

### ❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*Jesus Shall Reign (verses 1, 5)*

UMH 157

### ❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We haven taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. 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

**You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today, that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalm 19:7-14

UMH 751

ACT OF PRAISE

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
Chancel Choir

Young

MINISTRY MOMENT Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Harper Ann Booker

Danner Graf

Luke Jarman

Mae Stabler

Mac Carothers

Stephens Graf

Benjamin Miller

George Wolf

James Galle, Jr.

Liza Hieronymus

Thomas Moore

Congregation to Children:

**The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us. As you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship we will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Children and Congregation:

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Linda Noble

† *After the children's moment, children through second grade 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.**

❖HYMN OF PREPARATION

*The Gift of Love*

UMH 408

❖NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

## — WE RESPOND —

## ❖ 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

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*Great Is the Lord*

arr. Ray

## ♪ ❖ 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      *Sent Forth by God's Blessing (verse 1)*

UMH 664

## ❖ BENEDICTION

## ❖ POSTLUDE

*The Ash Grove*

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☞ FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Averell Stuart to the glory of God and in celebration of Joe Stuart's birthday.



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Sunday, September 15, 2024**

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

**Monday** Women’s Bible Study, 10:00am (FH)

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

**Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 10:00am (DW)  
Handbell Practice, 5:00pm  
Choir Practice, 6:00pm

**Thursday** The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)  
Men’s Bible Study, 7:00am (WP)

**Friday** Office Closed

FP-Fellowship Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WP-Wisteria Parlor  
B-Basement, DW-Dumas Wesley, 126 Mobile Street

## 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.



Please fill out a CONNECT card (in pew rack or using this QR code), email or call one of our pastors, or to contact a staff member if we can assist you in any way.

CONNECT

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

2024 YTD Needed: \$578,190 YTD Received: \$440,761  
Needed Weekly: \$15,870 Offering Received 9/8: \$14,190



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ONLINE GIVING

## HELP SERVE THE USA WESLEY STUDENTS

Our church will be providing dinner to the South Alabama Wesley Foundation Students this Tuesday night, September 17, at 5:30. If you are interested in making a contribution or helping serve, please contact Linda Noble at (251)604-6444.

## NEW MEN’S SMALL GROUP

Beginning September 29th, a new men’s small group, hosted by Pastor Darren, will meet on Mondays at 7:00am in the Wisteria Parlor.

## UPCOMING IN OCTOBER—More Info to Follow

- 2nd Wednesday Night Suppers Return
- 6th Blessing of the Animals 4:00pm
- 20th Consecration Sunday
- 27th Trunk or Treat 4:00pm

## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook’s brother), Linda Chamlee, Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Ruffin Graham, Jim Harter, Bill Higgs, Diane Holub (Angela Prine’s mother), Tee Hope, Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Burton Roton, Mary Davis Rutledge, \*Joann Smith, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton’s mother), Kathryn Willingham  
(\*new concern this week)

## Hymns and Responses for September 15, 2024

### Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

### Responsive Psalter—Psalm 19

UMH 751

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;

**The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honey comb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**But who can understand one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me!

**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

### The Gift of Love

UMH 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

### Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith  
confessing,, the people of God from this dwelling take  
leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the  
fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the  
teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in ac-  
tion for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and  
love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and an-  
swer the call.