



# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 17, 2024 ▪ 26th Sunday after Pentecost

– *We Gather* –

PRELUDE

*Trust from "Finlandia"*  
Alicia Luttrell

Sibelius

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

Rev. Kristen Wright

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

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

George Hardesty

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

**Our strength is exalted in God.**

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

**God has given us the victory.**

There is no Holy One like the Lord;

**There is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!**

❖HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

UMH 730

❖PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. 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

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 16

UMH 748

† *During the hymn of preparation, 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.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Samuel 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. <sup>2</sup>There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. <sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. <sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. <sup>9</sup>He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. <sup>10</sup>The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

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**

*What a Fellowship*  
Chancel Choir

Cherwien

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Samuel 1:1-20

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>3</sup>Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?' <sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.' <sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.'

<sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' <sup>18</sup>And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. <sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

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

**SERMON**

**"Audacious Faith"**

Rev. Kristen Wright

— *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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Joe Stuart

♪ ❖ **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**      *When We Are Living* (verses 1, 3)

UMH 356

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **POSTLUDE**

*St. Michael*

Crotch

☞ **CHRISTIAN LOVE and SYMPATHY** to Forrest Ringold and family upon the death of his mother, Patricia Ringold, on November 11th.



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Sunday, November 17, 2024**

- 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)

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

- Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 10:00am (DW)  
Wednesday Night Supper, 5:00pm (FH)  
Handbell Practice, 5:00pm  
Family Programs, 5:30pm  
Choir Practice, 6:00pm  
Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (FH)

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

- Friday** Office Closed

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

**ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS** can be found scattered around campus. Please consider supporting our 2025 ministry plan by completing a card and turning it in to the church office.

**A NOVEMBER CHALLENGE** has been issued by a generous church member. Every extra dollar (above and beyond your regular pledge or donation) that is given during the month of November will be matched, up to \$50,000! Look for the brightly labeled envelopes to enclose your gift, so that it can be included in the November Challenge.

**THE JOSEPH PROJECT** Christmas Cards are on sale now. This is the TJP's biggest fundraiser, so stop by the table outside the Fellowship Parlor (or check your newsletter) for more information. TJP is also very appreciative of all the food donations for the Thanksgiving bags, and they also need lots of extra hands this week. Packing of the bags will take place on Wednesday from 10-12 and they will be distributed on Thursday from 9:30-12. No experience is necessary!

**CHILDREN** are now practicing during Sunday School for the Children's Nativity, which will take place on December 11th.

**THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE** will be having a BBQ fundraiser on December 7th. It will be a great opportunity to get some "football food" for the SEC Championship game weekend. More information will be coming soon.

### **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, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Ruffin Graham, Jim Harter, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Tee Hope, Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Freddie Jones, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Sherry Thomson, \*Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), 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.



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.

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## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2024 YTD Needed: \$730,020 YTD Received: \$622,196  
Needed Weekly: \$15,870 Offering Received 11/10: \$35,865



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## Hymns and Responses for November 17, 2024

### O Day of God, Draw Nigh

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1. O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with they timeless judgment now to match our present hour.
2. Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
3. Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.
4. Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.
5. O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set they judgments on the earth.

### Psalter Reading

Psalm 16:5-11

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a glorious heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the Lord always before me; the Lord is at my right hand; I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your godly one see the pit.**

You show me the path of life;

**In your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

### All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH 147

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

(Refrain)

### When We Are Living

UMH 356

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying,

Refrain:

we belong to God, we belong to God. We belong to God, we belong to God.

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,

(Refrain)