



*Hear Our Prayer*

ASHLAND PLACE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025  
4th Sunday in Lent

– *We Gather* –

**PRELUDE**

*Thanks Be to Thee*  
Alicia Luttrell

Handel

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES**

Dr. Darren McClellan

*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**

Jaren Cook

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*The Church's One Foundation* (v. 1, 2, 5)

UMH 545

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen**

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

– *We Listen* –

**BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS**

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**

**Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the recreating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER**

Psalm 32

UMH 788

**❖HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* (v. 1, 2, 5)

UMH 359

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

† *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.*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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**

*Behold Calvary's Lamb*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Kirkland and Rouse

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:11-20

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

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SERMON

*"And The Power"*

Dr. Kristen Wright

— *WE RESPOND* —

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostle's 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

*Way Maker*  
Wes Cooper

Sinach

♪ ❖ 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

*O Come and Dwell in Me*

UMH 388

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

*Venite Adoremus*

Nordman



### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

- 9:00am Ascension Modern Service (FH)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service (S)
- 4:00pm Confirmation
- 5:30pm Youth Fellowship (B)

**Monday** Men's Study Group, 7:00am (WP)

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

**Wednesday** The Joseph Project, 9:30am (DW)  
 Wednesday Night Supper, 5:00pm (FH)  
 Handbell Practice, 5:00pm  
 Family Programs, 6:00pm  
 Choir Practice, 6:00pm  
 Pastor's Class, 6:00pm (FH)

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

**CANDY FOR PALM SUNDAY EGG HUNT** - We are now collecting candy for the Palm Sunday egg hunt. Please place your donations on the Fellowship Hall counter. **NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE**

**PALM SUNDAY** is April 13, and we have a lot of things planned. At both services, the children will participate in a palm procession and sing a song. After the 11:00 service, we will have a churchwide lunch, with meat, hot sides, and dessert provided. Please bring a cold side dish to share. After lunch, there will be an egg hunt for the children. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE APRIL 14-18**

Sanctuary will be open daily from 10-3 and pastors available 12:00pm, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Sanctuary 6:00pm, Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, Sanctuary

#### **EASTER SERVICES, APRIL 20**

7:00am, Sunrise Service, Sanctuary Courtyard  
 9:00am, Ascension Service, Fellowship Hall  
 11:00am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

#### **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

Please hold these persons in your prayers: John Allen, Jean Brown & son James Williams, Victor Brown (Dee Dee Cook's brother), Braxton & Linda Lee Counts, Julie & Steve Dugan, Peggy Emond (David Mayhall's sister), Phillip Fields, Bruce Finley, Marcia Golson, Ruffin Graham, Margaret Hagood, Jim Harter, Diane Holub (Angela Prine's mother), Tee Hope, Barbara Hunt, Andrew Irby, Tyler Mazey, David Richards, Sara Robinson, Tom Root, Mary Davis Rutledge, Lon Spencer, Peggy Tanner (Cindy Roton's mother), Sherry Thomson, Robert Wheeler (Emily McGough's brother), Merrill Whitener, 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.



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## Hymns and Responses for March 30, 2025

### The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace ended.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

### Responsive Psalter

Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then you forgave the guilty of my sin.**

Therefore let those who are godly offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress, the rush of great waters shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you encompass me with deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle.

**Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;

**Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

### Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

UMH 359

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.

2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

(Refrain)

5. But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

(Refrain)

### O Come and Dwell in Me

UMH 388

1. O come and dwell in me, Spirit of power within, and bring the glorious liberty from sorrow, fear, and sin.

2. Hasten the joyful day which shall my sins consume, when old things shall be done away, and all things new become.

3. I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right, according to thy mind and word, well-pleasing in thy sight.

4. I ask no higher state; indulge me but in this, and soon or later then translate to thine eternal bliss.