



AVONDALÉ

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

where all are welcome ... to *connect* with God and others.
... to *grow* together in faith and love.
... to *serve* the world for Jesus Christ.

Restrooms

If you need a restroom, exit the sanctuary through the door at the front to the right of the pulpit. The women's restroom is just off the foyer. The men's restroom is down the hallway from the foyer on the right.

Nursery

We welcome children of all ages in worship; however, a nursery is available for infants and toddlers under four years old who may need it. Please see an usher for assistance.

Hearing Support

We have hearing assistive technology that connects via bluetooth available. Check with an usher for an instruction card to help you connect.

Visual Support – Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. The hymnals are located on the side table to the right of the pulpit at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers can help you locate both the hymnals and the bulletins as needed.

Connect + Grow + Serve



Use this QR code (or www.AvonUMC.net/HereIAm) to go online to let us know you're here, enter a prayer request, and/or make a contribution. You can also access volunteer opportunities, wish lists to support our local outreach, and/or sign up to provide flowers in honor/memory of someone one Sunday on the altar in worship.

Floral Tribute

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
in honor of Judy Sharp by Jeanne Baker.*

Judy quietly ministers to so many people through gifts and cards of encouragement, welcome, and appreciation. Much of her faithful ministry goes on quietly and anonymously. Thank you, Judy, for all you do!

Second Sunday after Pentecost | June 7, 2026

Prelude

Prélude from Trois Improvisations

Nadia Boulanger

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship

This Is the Hour

Traditional Shaker Melody adapted by Aaron Copland

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Malinda Weaver

*** Hymn of Praise No. 369**

Blessed Assurance

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Jeanne Baker

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.

*** Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

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.

*** Ritual of Friendship**

Children's Moment

Disney Weaver

Following the Children's Moment, children will return to sit with their parents for the remainder of worship.

* Please rise as you are able in body and in spirit.

[†] universal

Act of Centering No. 473

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9

This is the word of God, for us, the people of God ... **thanks be to God!**

Anthem

At the River

Hymn Tune arranged by Aaron Copland

Sermon

The Story of Us

Pastoral Prayer | Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Offering

Prière (Prayer)

Nadia Boulanger

* Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

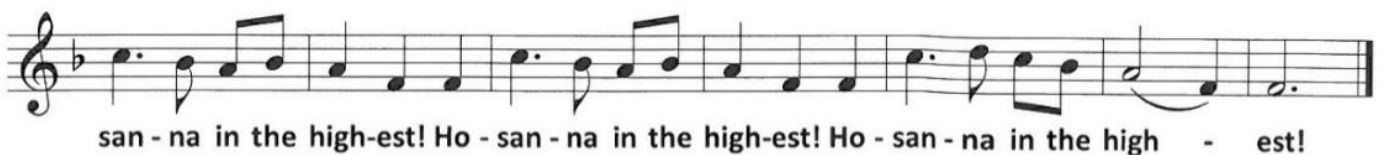
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

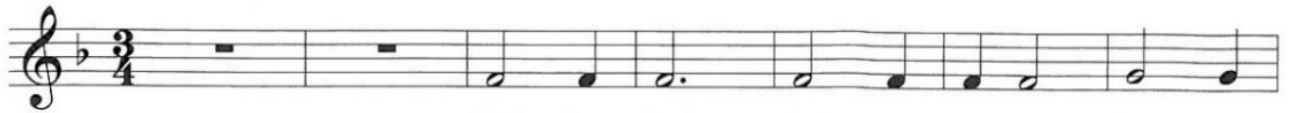
*Pastor Malinda will continue by giving thanks
and remembering God's acts of salvation.*

Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth
and the entire company of heaven, singing praise to you ...



Pastor Malinda will recall the institution of the Lord's Supper.

And so, we remember.
We remember what you did in Jesus Christ.
And together we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will



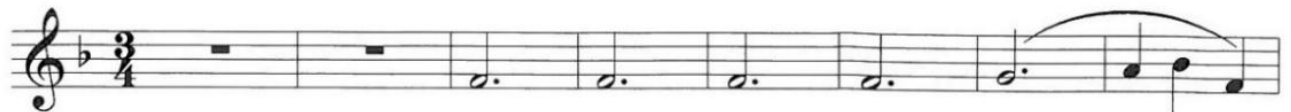
come a - gain. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est!

*Pastor Malinda will request the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us
and praise the Trinity.*

For it is through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
that all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever ...



A - men. A - men. A -



men. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est!

The 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.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

We believe Holy Communion is a gift from God to all people.

In The United Methodist Church everyone is welcome to receive Communion.

Gluten-free bread is available. Please inform the server of your needs.

Music during Communion

Eat This Bread

words: Robert Batastini | music: Jacques Berthier

The choir will sing the verses.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

The musical score is written for a choir and congregation. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God,
you have fed us at your table
and made your presence known to us.
Send us forth from this place
to follow where you lead,
to trust your promises,
and to do the works of love and mercy
that you have placed before us. Amen.**

*** Hymn of Praise No. 451**

Be Thou My Vision

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace

Traditional Shaker Melody

*** Postlude**

Improvisation on Shaker Tune



MUSIC NOTES

To celebrate Pride Month and the diversity of God's creation, this morning we hear music by Aaron Copland (1900 – 1990), an openly gay man who, despite the prejudices he faced, rose to become this country's most recognized and respected composer, earning the unofficial title: "Father of American Music." Born to Jewish immigrants in New York City, Copland, like many other young musicians, left the United States to study in Paris. Though an avant garde modernist at heart, upon his return to the U.S. he recognized the need to create accessible music for his American audiences, and thus, turned to a more popular style that resonated with his countrymen. It is from this tradition that today's anthem, *At the River*, comes. Written in 1952 as part of a collection called *Old American Songs*, the simple work is Copland's touching arrangement of the 19th century hymn, *Shall We Gather at the River*. Likewise, the Call to Worship, *This Is the Hour*, is Copland's setting of the old Shaker tune, Simple Gifts, which he popularized when he included it in his groundbreaking ballet Appalachian Spring.

The organ Prelude and Offertory are by Nadia Boulanger (1887–1979), Copland's teacher and mentor in Paris. Recognized as one of the greatest pedagogues of the 20th century, Boulanger taught several generations of prominent composers. Her compositional style was grounded in French Impressionism, but thoroughly unique and progressive.



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MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 9 | 6:30pm

Join us each month on the second Tuesday at 6:30pm at the church to dive into thought-provoking reads that center around faith, spirituality, religion, and more. For June we're reading *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. Come with an open mind, a curious spirit, and a friend or two.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Wednesday, June 17 | 9:30am

Ladies—come as you are, bring a friend, and let's enjoy some great company together! Our coffee gatherings happen each month on the third Wednesday at General (3813 Clairmont Avenue, Birmingham 35222).

HAND TO HEART

Wednesday, June 10 & 24 | 10:00am-12:00pm

Through stitches and prayer, Hand to Heart shares comfort with those in need. This prayer shawl ministry meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the archive room (first floor) and welcomes both experienced needleworkers and those who want to learn. If you know someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl, contact Barb Walker (205.672.9687).

YARD WORK MINISTRY

Our Yard Work Ministry is in full swing again this year. Many of our neighbors are unable to maintain their yards during the summer months because of age, disability, or other health challenges. Our Yard Work Ministry helps these folks so they don't get fined by the city. If you know someone who needs help ... or if you'd like to volunteer to help (mowing, minor pruning, etc.) ... email Pastor Malinda (malinda@avonumc.net). Work days are typically Tuesdays and Thursdays (weather permitting). This ministry runs through September. If you can't help now, you might be able to help later.

MINISTRY NEEDS FOR OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS

Our Unhoused Neighbors often need items to take with them (*body wipes, toothbrushes/paste, underwear, etc.*). Drop off donations weekdays from 8–11am at Avondale Samaritan Place, bring them to worship on Sundays, or send them directly to us through our Amazon wishlist—just scan the QR code in your bulletin.

USE YOUR NOODLE – SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

Planning is well underway for our annual summer learning camp. Use Your Noodle provides literacy and math enrichment to help prevent learning loss over the summer. It does so in a way that sparks children's curiosity and helps them develop critical thinking skills. This camp is open to school children who are Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. The dates are July 6-24. To register your child(ren), use the QR Code in the bulletin to find the link.

And ... we want you to be a part of it!! While professors, teachers, student teachers, and volunteers are rocking and rolling ... can you provide some support items?

Use Your Noodle – Prayer Cards

Let's show some love to the students and families participating in Use Your Noodle! One way to encourage them is by sending cards before camp begins to let them know we're praying for them. If you'd like to help, email Susan Harvill (susan.harvill1252@gmail.com) to receive 5–10 names, addresses, and cards.

Use Your Noodle – Snacks

All that fun, hands-on learning makes the kids hungry! You can access our snack wishlist using the QR Code in your bulletin. Or you can purchase items to bring to the church. The wishlist includes things like: squeeze applesauce, fruit cups, individual packs of pretzels or popcorn, and rice crispy treats.

Use Your Noodle – Teacher Happies

Help shower our teachers with encouraging treats for all the work they're putting in to teach our kiddos this summer. Grab some friends to help and be creative in what you come up with to show appreciation ... cute bags of candy, a coffee bar, sweet/salty treats, etc. Use the QR Code to find the link to sign up, or email Pastor Malinda (malinda@avonumc.net).

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