WELCOME!

We extend a cordial welcome to each person who comes to worship today. We are especially pleased to welcome visitors to Asbury. Our ushers and greeters will assist you in any way possible. If you are in need of childcare, our ushers would be glad to direct you to our nursery which is on the first floor in the Education Building.

If you are visiting with us or wish to be placed on our mailing list, please fill out a "Welcome Visitor" card and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to receive news via e-mail, please include your e-mail address.

If you have questions, members of our Welcome Team would be glad to assist you. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

The flowers for today's service are given in honor of Al and Pat Andres' 53rd Wedding Anniversary on the 16th.

Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Rev. Billy Hester, Minister

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
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11:15 A.M.

FORTY DAYS

The First Sunday In Lent

WORSHIP SERVICE
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Welcome to Asbury Memorial. In order for people to have the best worship experience possible, please turn off cell phones, watches, and anything else that beeps, chimes, or rings. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Kathy Hodges

CHIMES — Preparing hearts and minds for worship

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE — Congregation & Choir

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace on earth, grant us peace.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Wanderers, gatherers,
Homemakers, travelers
All: We come to God.
One: Questioners, adventurers,
Believers, doubters
All: We come to God.
One: Workers, menders,
Seekers, dreamers
All: We come to God.
One: God bless us all as we enter the Lenten season.

*HYMN — *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* — No. 269

ANTHEM — *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* — Men's Choir

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Billy Hester

LORD'S PRAYER — All

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 for ever.

CHORAL RESPONSE — Choir

*HYMN — *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* — see insert

Matthew 4:1-4
Stanza 1
Matthew 4:5-7
Stanza 2
Matthew 4:8-11
Stanza 3
Luke 4:13
Stanza 4

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SERMON — **Forty Days** — Rev. Hester

OFFERTORY — *God Is Able* — Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY — No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
One: O God, as we offer you our gifts, we ask you to use them to send your comfort to those who wait in the wilderness.
And we pray that when temptation makes an offer we can't refuse, help us to turn to you.
All: Have mercy on us, O God, in whom we trust.
One: When the cares of the world wear us down, help us to seek you out, and find rest in your strength.
All: Have mercy on us, O God, in whom we trust.
One: When I need to forgive another, help me to head for you, who first forgives me.
All: Have mercy on us, O God, in whom we trust. Amen.

*HYMN — *Amazing Grace* — No. 378

*BENEDICTION — Rev. Hester

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing":
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*POSTLUDE — Asbury Musicians

* Those who are able, please stand.
** Children are invited to Children's Church (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)