

## 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 by Sherry Moore  
in memory of Margie Mullinax.



### 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

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Asbury Memorial UMC

May 9, 2010

11:15 A.M.



**HOME  
AWAY FROM  
HOME**

The Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 2010

INTROIT Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Edwards

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.  
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CALL TO WORSHIP Creative Kids

\*HYMN *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* see insert

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR MOTHER'S DAY see insert

SOLO *Where Could I Go But to the Lord* Bob Fennell

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 Bob Fennell

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:9-15

\*HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 133

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SERMON **Home Away From Home** Rev. Hester

LITANY OF ASSURANCE

One: When my head is aching and muscles are tense,  
you remind me, O God, of what is important and what is not.

**All: I am like a child comforted at its mother's breast.**

One: When fatigue confuses my thinking and clouds my perspective,  
you refuel my energies and assure me that sleep will come soon.

**All: You have calmed and quieted my soul.**

One: When sickness saps my strength and pain is a frequent foe,  
you tell me that it will not be more than I can bear.

**All: I am like a child comforted at its mother's breast.**

One: When anger closes my throat  
and streams of resentment flow over me,  
you clear my head  
and help me realize that my adversary is human, too.

**All: You have calmed and quieted my soul.**

One: When sleep will not come at night  
and the hours crawl by amid financial worry,  
you let me know that you will provide.

**All: We praise you, our understanding and intimate God!  
Your spacious lap accommodates our frailties  
and your strong arms embrace and protect us.  
Thanks be to God!**

OFFERTORY *Love Never Fails* 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

\*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

The congregation is invited to "sing" and "sign":  
*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-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
a Child of the living God,  
who was born of the promise to a woman named Mary.**

**I believe in the love that Mary gave her Son,  
that caused her to follow him in his ministry  
and stand by his cross as he died.**

**I believe in the love of all mothers,  
and its importance in the lives of the children they bear.  
It is stronger than steel,  
softer than down,  
and more resilient than a green sapling in springtime.  
It closes wounds,  
melts disappointments,  
and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight  
in the midst of adversity.**

**I believe that this love, even at its best,  
is only the shadow love of God,  
a small reflection of all that we can expect of the divine,  
both in this life and the next.**

**And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world  
is a mother who lets this greater love  
flow through her to her child,  
blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch  
and the tears of her joy.**

**Thank God for mothers,  
and thank mothers for God!**