

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. Please join us after the service for our “big” Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, go to our “Connection Corner” during Coffee Hour where you can meet Asburians and learn about our programs. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!



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.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Weekly Budget Need - \$11,217.14

Given Last Sunday – \$11,910.20

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$426,251.32

Year-to-date Received - \$421,325.85

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries
Christina Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Laura Angell, Youth Director
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Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
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11:15 A.M.

Zippin



God On Broadway

17th Sunday after Pentecost
WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS King Charlemagne

INTROIT *Magic to Do* Asbury Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 103

UNISON PRAYER

**O Mysterious God, who hides in the shadow of our steps;
who surprises in ways inexpressible; who lingers in paradox:
ignite our spirits to revel in your presence,
inspire our souls to dance in your mystery,
free our minds to rest in your holiness,
fully comforted, totally quiet, completely yours.
In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh. Amen.**

SONG *Corner of the Sky*
Sharon Page, Nick Deffley, Brittany Jelinski

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:24 & Matthew 6:28-34

SONG *No Time at All*
Nancy Austin, Linda Combs, Rhonda Reed, Nancy Parker

Refrain:

Oh, it's time to start livin'!
Time to take a little from the world we're given
Time to take time, cause spring will turn to fall
in just no time at all!

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:15-20

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given
to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY

Reading Psalm 139:1-12 Cheri Hester
Aerial Silks *With You* Jennifer Doubleday

*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 Rev. Jan Durham
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SERMON **Pippin's Paradox** Rev. Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God's table. If you would like to receive
Communion, please come forward using the center aisle as the ushers
assist you. We will partake by intinction, by dipping the bread into the
common cup. All of the bread is gluten free. After receiving the
elements, please feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer. If you are
unable to come forward, but would like to receive the elements, simply
inform an usher. We will be glad to bring the elements to you.

THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

REPRISE *Corner of the Sky* Asbury Choir

*HYMN *Trees of the Field* see insert

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following:
*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

* Please stand as you are able.

**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1st-6th grades).

***Gifts left at the altar during Communion will go to help the people
of Puerto Rico.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.
**For the power of love in human life and history,
we give thanks and praise.**

Long ago, our ancestors knew love's power,
and they became the tellers of love's tale.
Love bound them in covenant,
teaching them to live in community
with compassion and concern
for the poorest among them.

Yet centuries of domination and violence
shaped a different kind of community
based on selfishness and inequality.

In the struggle against oppression,
Jesus became the face of love,
showing us the way to abundant life.
In word and deed, he announced
love's new reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace.
Filled with courage and passion of love's spirit,
He gave his life to challenge the unjust systems of this world.

On the night of his betrayal and arrest,
as he shared a meal with his friends,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread,
and gave it to his followers, saying:
"Take. Eat. This is my body broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of love, Spirit of compassion,
bless us and this bread and wine.
May this meal be food and drink for our journey –
renewing, sustaining, and making us whole.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.

THE RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of love,
we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts.
Send us from this meal to reveal your love in the world.
Inspire in us the resolve and the courage,
the compassion and the passion
to do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you. Amen.**

*HYMN

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy!