

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. We hope you will join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, please drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's worship service are given
in memory of Janice Gantt by her family.**

**The flowers for today's worship service are also given
in memory of Lillian Lindsay by her family.**



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 - \$12,254.63
Given Last Sunday - \$16,492.50

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$183,819.45
Year-to-date Received - \$193,546.33

Billy Hester, Senior Minister	Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Randy Canady, Church Administrator	Laura Angell, Youth Director
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager	Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries	Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries
Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director	Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

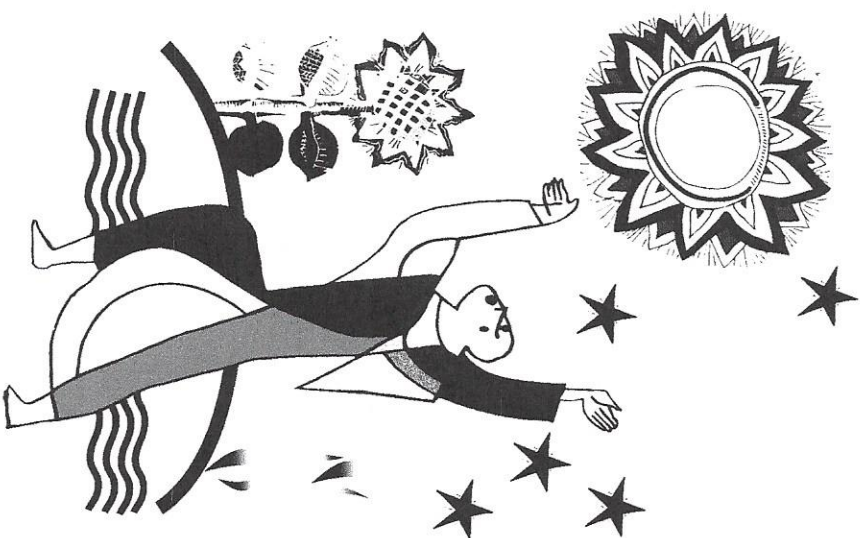
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Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
April 22, 2018
11:15 A.M.



My Huckleberry Friend

Earth Day

&

4th Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shirley Sessions

CHIMES

Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of the Cosmos, attune our ears to hear you today

All: in the great symphony of creation.

One: God of Community, open our eyes to see you today

All: in the drama of nature's connectedness.

One: God of our hearts, touch our lives so we sense you today

All: in both the beauty and the agony of the world.

*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 62

stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7

POEMS OF CREATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 23

UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL CREED

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence & Reflection

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

No. 895
Asbury Choir

*HYMN **

The Lone, Wild Bird

see insert

SERMON

My Huckleberry Friend

Rev. Hester

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

Creation Sings

Asbury Choir

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints in flakes of snow; His breath upon this spinning globe, He charts the eagle's flight, commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing! Hallelujah! Fill the Earth with songs of worship, tell the wonders of creation's King!

Creation gazed upon his face; the ageless One in time's embrace, unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse, whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth; The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky, all heaven will sing and earth reply with one resplendent theme: The glory of our God and King.

*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

The Trees of the Field

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!

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Hester

*POSTLUDE

Asbury Choir

* Those who are able, please stand.

** Children are invited to Children's Church (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

The Lone, Wild Bird

United Methodist Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and for the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is
 2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the
 3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the
 4. In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be -
 5. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re -

still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I
 sea's dark deep and far - off land. And I am yours! I
 path I walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my
 fore my birth you spoke my name; with - in I am yours, I
 new my life, my spir - it heal; for I am yours, I

rest in you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.
 rest in you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.
 hopes, my fears, my deep - est joys, my sl - lent tears,
 close as breath, so near to me, in life, in death.
 rest in you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.