

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They would be glad to help 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 worship service
are given in honor of Cab Stewart's Angel baby.**



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 – \$5,110.05

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$358,948.48

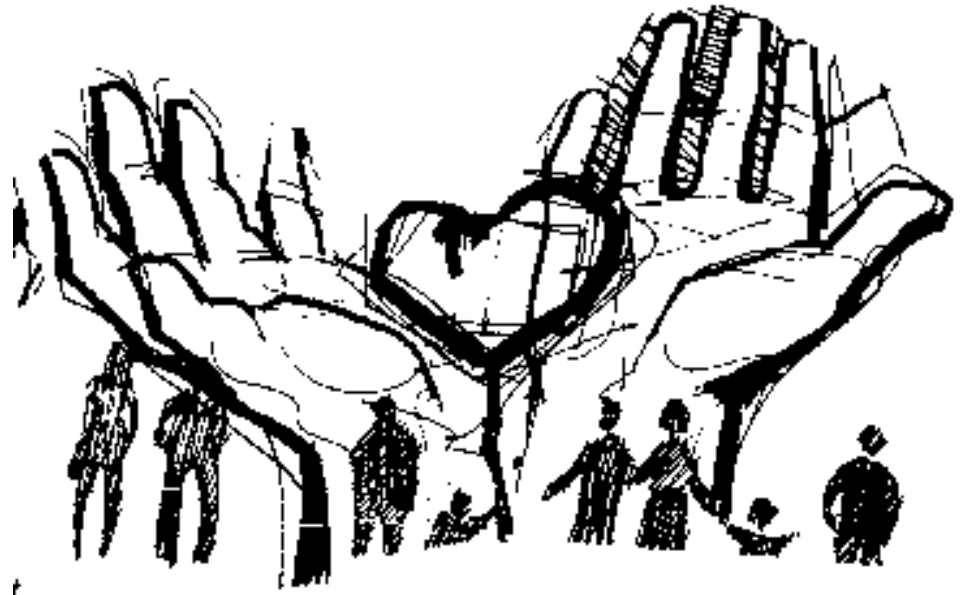
Year-to-date Received - \$353,270.34

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Laura Angell, Youth Director
Detective Santana Willis, Security

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church**
August 20, 2017
11:15 A.M.



Tragedy into Triumph

11th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jeanette Purvis

One: Touch us with your presence, O God!

All: We will respond with worship that is joyful and free.

One: Touch us with your presence, O God!

All: We will hear the Word, spoken for us and for our faith community.

One: Touch us with your presence, O God!

All: We will experience the revealing, healing, power of the Spirit.

One: Touch us with your presence, O God,

All: and we will be your compassionate presence to others.

*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* No.577

SCRIPTURE Genesis 50:15-21 Margaret Clay

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,

for the Word of God among us,

for the Word of God within us,

All: We give thanks.

SONG *Waiting in the Wings* Sharon Page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Prayer

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 for ever.

Choral Amen

Ray Ellis

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Rev. Purvis

INVITATION FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH Rev. Purvis

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*HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other* No. 560

SERMON **Tragedy into Triumph** Rev. Sharon Risher

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We ask God's blessing upon the gifts brought to the table and those given through automatic payment. Online Giving Cards are in the red pads and in the narthex so online givers can participate in the offering.

OFFERTORY *God Has Work for Us to Do* 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 Rev. Purvis

*HYMN *God, How Can We Forgive* see insert

*BENEDICTION Rev. Risher

*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 (K-6th grades)

Words to Offertory as presented by the Asbury Choir

GOD HAS WORK FOR US TO DO

composer, Mark A. Miller

text by, Carl P. Daw, Jr.

'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
'til no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled:
God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and
all things are made new,
God has work for us to do!

'Til age and race and gender no longer separate;
'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and
all things are made new,
God has work for us to do!

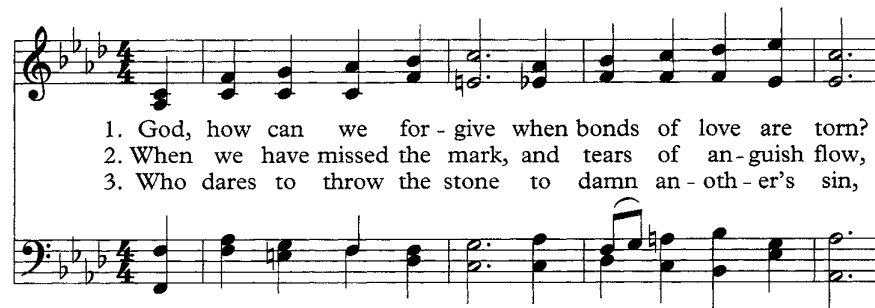
In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill,
in board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still.
In classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street,
in every place where people thrive, or stave, or hide, or meet.
God has work for us.

By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands,
by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands.
By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near:
God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and
all things are made new,
God has work for us to do!

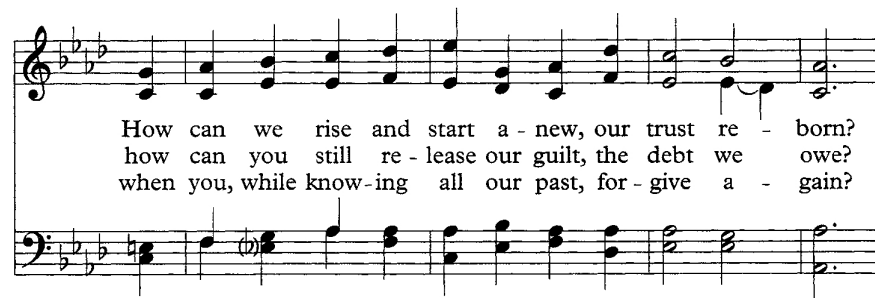
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God, How Can We Forgive



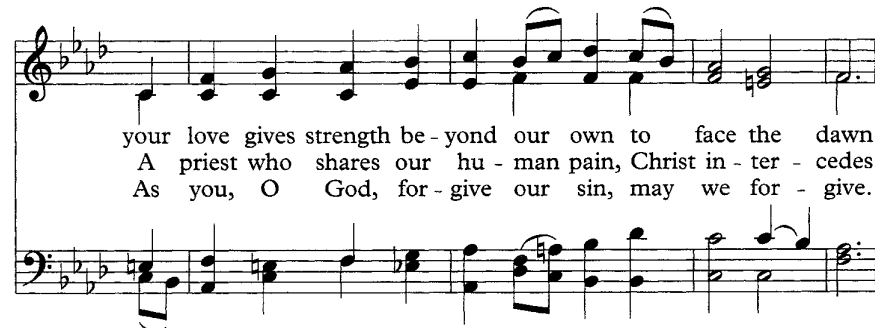
1. God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (Matt. 6:12-15; 18:21-35; John 8:2-11)

MUSIC: Hebrew melody, *Sacred Harmony*; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, alt.

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