

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. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you'd like to know more about Asbury, connect with members of the church, or purchase Rev. Hester's books, drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given
in memory of Dan Davison
by Lee Davison.**



Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial 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 – \$13,830.00
Given Last Sunday – \$8,749.00
Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$13,830.00
Year-to-date Received – \$8,749.00

Billy Hester, Senior Minister	Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Claire Marich, Associate Minister	Randy Canady, Administrator
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries	Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries	Margarita Bourke, Children
Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth	Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church
January 12, 2020
11:15 a.m.



Remembering Our Baptism

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Come to the water's edge!

All: Love is gently flowing. It's God's wondrous stream.

One: We come thirsty...dirty...wounded.

All: River of life...heal us, cleanse us, renew us, transform us.

*HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* No. 605

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

SONG *Let All Who Are Thirsty Come*

Let all who are thirst-y come. Let all who wish re-ceive the

wa-ter of life free-ly. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. A -

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PRAYER & LITANY OF LIVING WATER see insert

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 *Living Water of Life* Asbury Choir
Soloist, Sharon Page

*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

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SERMON *Remembering Our Baptism* Rev. Hester

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see insert

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

You are invited to "remember your baptism" by receiving a stone from the water of life to have as a remembrance throughout 2020. If you are unable to come forward, and would like a stone, please let us know by raising your hand or by telling an usher.

*HYMN *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 383

*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 - 5th grades)

Prayer & Litany of Living Water

In the dry wildernesses of our lives,
when we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.
(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.
(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others,
have left us alone and wounded,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.
(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

We thank you and praise you, O God,
that how ever we may thirst,
what ever we may need to satisfy our souls,
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;
**So we drink deep of the living water
and, as we draw from your wells,
help us to pass the cup to others
who, like us, are thirsty for your grace.**

We pray in the name of the One who taught his disciples to pray:

**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.**

(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God is joined with humanity.
As Jesus is baptized,
we too are baptized into renewed life.
We discover the dignity of being human;
We are empowered to forsake the thrall of death.
God has sanctified creation:
The waters are blessed,
as are earth and sky and all creatures.
While humans threaten to destroy this world,
our Creator works to restore all creation.
We join with this God
who has joined with us:
In upholding human dignity
and working to renew our world,
In challenging the rule of death
and claiming the dominion of life.
Amen.**