

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
by Geri and Maria Spears
in memory of Phyllis Perry and Robert Waller.**



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 – \$18,636.11

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$41,490.00

Year-to-date Received – \$29,964.89

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Claire Marich, Associate Minister

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Randy Canady, Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Margarita Bourke, Children

Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church

January 26, 2020

11:15 a.m.



CHOICES

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Mysterious God,
who hides in the shadows of our steps,
who surprises in ways inexpressible,
who lingers in paradox:

**All: ignite our spirits to revel in your presence,
inspire our souls to dance in your mystery,
and free our minds to rest in your holiness. Amen.**

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 64

LITANY Calling into the Present see insert

SONG OF MEDITATION *As the Deer* see insert
(sing twice)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy;

All: Hear our 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

Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23

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.

*HYMN *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* No. 344
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SERMON **Choices** 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 *O Magnify the Lord* 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. Marich

*HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

*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 (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

Calling into the Present
by Susan Palo Cherwien

One: Here in this place we reenact and rehearse the story
of a poetic, prophetic, priestly God.

**All: In liturgy,
in litany,
in prayer,
in psalm,
in meal,
in hymns
we remember and call into the present
the story in which we live and move and have our being.**

One: Here we are woven into the wisdom story of many
generations;

**All: we conspire with the Spirit towards a future garden
for we are grounded in the names, dreams, signs and
wonders of God's communal story
and in this place, we become anguished poets,
storied prophets,
creative priest,
to each other
and to a searching world.**

One: Our purposes in Christ, our mind that is in Christ –
namely to love God and love neighbor –

All: can bring us to unity in mission and action.