WELCOME

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

The flowers for today's service are given by John and Wendy Mason in anticipation of their first grandchild.



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 - \$17,126.50 Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$343,129.64 Year-to-date Received - \$348,643.61

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

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music Laura Angell, Youth Director Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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Abraham: The Father of Many, and a Model for All

9th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

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CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jeanette Purvis

One: We come into your presence, O God,

as a community of faith,

proud of our venturing heritage.

All: Abraham set out to find a new land.

One: Abraham had heard God's voice,

All: and set out confidently into the unknown.

One: Help us to have Abraham's venturing spirit.

Help us to reach out to others and to get to know all of God's

children,

All: remembering that God is love and that God is with us.

*HYMN The God of Abraham Praise No. 116

PSALTER Psalm 23 No. 754

SONG His Eye Is on the Sparrow David Kafer

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

*HYMN The Gift of Love

SCRIPTURE & SERMON Imam Ibrahim Abdul-Malik

Abraham:

The Father of Many, and a Model for All

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 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Kay Deffley

*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

No. 408

Loving God,

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace,

be a blessing to friends and strangers,

those like us and those not,

those deserving and those not,

for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.

*HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth No. 431

*BENEDICTION Imam Ibrahim Abdul-Malik

*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

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.

^{**} Children are invited to Children's Church (1st – 6th grades)