

## 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 would like to know more about Asbury, 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 thanksgiving for all of God's goodness  
by Tim and Mary Ann Barnes.**



### **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 – \$13,170.00

Given Last Sunday – \$12,629.44

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$276,570.00

Year-to-date Received – \$262,014.21

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

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

### **Asbury Memorial Church**

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## Asbury Memorial Church

June 2, 2019

11:15 a.m.

## When Less is More



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**All: We come, with the pain of our burdens,  
we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.**

One: Together, we will sing songs of joy;  
each of us will hear God whisper our name, 'Beloved of my heart.'

**All: We join our voices in prayer and praise;  
we sing of our longing for new lives.**

One: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;  
here we discover that God dwells in us.

**All: And not just us, for God would teach all to love;  
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

\*HYMN *This Is My Song* No. 437

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Rev. Grady Mills

**Holy One,  
be with us in this sacred space.  
Stir your Spirit in and among us  
as we offer our prayers and praises.  
Draw us into your presence.  
May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors.  
Let us see you through all brokenness  
that we may find wholeness in being your body here and now.  
In the name of the One who fills the world with Hope. Amen.**

BLESSING FOR VBS LEADERS & VOYAGERS

**All: We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct your steps.  
We pray that the Voyagers who attend VBS sense the  
presence of the Holy Spirit in his or her life and will be  
endowed with gifts that God provides.**

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:8-11; Gen. 3:1-7 Rev. Bob Chvatal

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus* 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. Mills

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SERMON **When Less is More** Rev. Billy Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

### HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God's table. If you would like to receive Communion, please come forward using the center aisle as the ushers assist you. We will partake by intinction, by dipping the bread into the common cup. All of the bread is gluten free. After receiving the elements, please feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer. If you are unable to come forward, but would like to receive the elements, simply inform an usher. We will be glad to bring the elements to you.

### THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

\*HYMN *Simple Gifts* see insert

\*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 (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

One: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.  
Here we celebrate God's presence among us,  
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;

**All: Nourished and hungry,  
loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven;  
we make one circle of knowing,  
believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.**

One: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life,  
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

**All: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall never hunger;  
Those who believe in me shall never thirst."**

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,  
"This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."  
After supper Jesus took the cup and said,  
"This is the cup of the new covenant;  
whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."

**All: In the simple elements of bread and wine, O God,  
help us to see the value of simplicity.  
Give us the strength, courage and fortitude  
to examine our lives and to keep the Sabbath holy,  
so that we may live more meaningful and fulfilling lives.  
Amen.**

## RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of abundance and mercy,  
We give joyful thanks for your eternal love  
and healing presence in our celebration of bread and wine.  
Bless this body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants  
with each other and throughout the world. Amen.**

## Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
It will be in the valley of love and delight.

*(Refrain)*

**When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
'Til by turning, turning we come round right**

'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,  
'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,  
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,  
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,

*(Refrain)*

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