

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping 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 honor of John Mason's birthday
by Wendy Mason.**



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 – \$13,170.00

Given Last Sunday – \$9,059.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$131,700.00

Year-to-date Received – \$114,392.53

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Chris Kincade, Youth Leader

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Laura Angell, Youth Leader

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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church**
March 17, 2019
11:15 A.M.

The Garden of Lent



2nd Sunday of Lent

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Hodges

LIGHT OF CHRIST & PREPARING THE GARDEN

Jesus, friend of the friendless,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Covenant God, God of Abraham and of Sarah,
we come before you.

All: You will keep your word!

One: Covenant God, God of Amos and Jeremiah,
we come before you.

All: You will keep your promise!

One: Covenant God, God of Mary and Jesus,
we come before you.

All: Covenant God, whose love is sealed in the waters of baptism,
help us to trust you. Amen.

*HYMN

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

READING

ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy;

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

*HYMN

Lord of the Church

see insert

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SERMON

Deep Roots

Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

We Are Not Alone

Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY

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

see insert

*HYMN

God of the Ages

No. 698

*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)

Lord of the Church
(Tune: Londonderry Air)

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our prayers to Thee proclaim.

 Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduring,
 wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
 We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
 the will that lacks the courage to be free,
 the weary labors, all but unavailing,
 to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek your mighty blessing,
 a true repentance and a faith restored,
 a swift obedience and a new possessing,
 filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
 unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
 the living water for our souls' reviving,
 in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,
 true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming your love for all humankind,
 one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
 one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
 to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
 Christ over all, the everlasting King!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: O God, as we present to you our gifts,
 we celebrate that throughout the human story,
 your Spirit continues to speak,

All: **in visions and voices, in images and ideas,
 and in all languages and all times.**

One: Not only in the lives of those recorded in the Scriptures,
 but also to people like Assisi, Aquinas, and Theresa,

All: **through prophets and priests and peasants.**

One: The Spirit has spoken through people of many faiths
 from the Buddha to Gandhi
 whose lives and teachings echo those of Christ.

All: **To Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Asbury, and King...
 to Mary Dyer, Susan B. Anthony, and Rosa Parks,
 Your Spirit came as a reformer's fire,
 blazing in the heart.**

One: And still God's Spirit comes to us today

All: **in new voices and new visions,
 and in new understandings of the voices and visions
 passed on to us from yesterday.**

One: It may burn in our hearts like fire
 or whisper in the silence as a still, small voice.

It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within,
 or embrace us in the touch or a word
 from another child of God.

All: **But we are here today because the Spirit speaks to us.
 Help us to respond, O Lord.
 Amen.**