

## 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 after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, go to our "Connection Corner" during Coffee Hour where you can meet Asburians and learn about our programs. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!



### 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 - \$11,217.14

Given Last Sunday - \$14,756.30

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$437,458.46

Year-to-date Received - \$436,080.15

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

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music  
Laura Angell, Youth Director  
Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries  
Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries  
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Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
October 8, 2017  
11:15 A.M.

# Carousel



## *God On Broadway*

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *The Carousel Waltz*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Billy Bigelow & Friends

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: Sometimes worship is a parade, a celebration,  
**All: a gathering of people expressing their joy.**  
One: Sometimes worship is an adventure, a quest,  
**All: a gathering of people searching for meaning.**  
One: Sometimes worship is a funeral, a fast,  
**All: a gathering of people seeking comfort in their grief.**  
One: Among us today are people who have come to march, people  
who have come to search, people who have come to weep,  
**All: Yet we have all come to acknowledge God  
and to touch each other.**  
One: Come with open minds, open hearts, and open arms,  
that we all might find that for which we have come  
and that, as well, we all might be surprised.  
**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN *He Leadeth Me* No. 128

PSALTER Psalm 23 No. 754

SOLO *You'll Never Walk Alone*  
Barbara Gooby & Rhonda Reed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeanette 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 Asbury Choir

SONG *The Highest Judge of All*  
Steve Reed

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 12:6-10 Greg Martin

\*HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* No. 191  
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SERMON **Healing Wounds & Overcoming Fears** 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 Poem, *The Man Behind the Mask*  
Nick Deffley, Ray Ellis, Tim Ethridge,  
Kim Limehouse, Pat Prokop  
*Dance, If I Loved You*  
Tim Ethridge

\*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

REPRISE *You'll Never Walk Alone* Asbury Choir

AFFIRMATION God's Freeing Love see insert

\*HYMN *Amazing Grace* see insert  
(Tune: *The House of the Rising Sun*)

\*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-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found.  
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

We come to Thee with humble hearts  
knowing you are God.  
Help us to learn to love ourselves  
losing all facades.

And when we see that you are Love  
Love, and nothing to fear.  
We'll take up our cross and follow you  
bringing life out of death and tears.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found.  
was blind but now I see.

## An Affirmation of God's Freeing Love

**God's love frees me to be the person I am  
without having to become more attractive,  
more intelligent, more popular.**

**God's love frees me to live in confidence,  
not needing to be self-absorbed,  
but ready to listen  
and to hear the stories of others.**

**God's love frees me to take risks,  
to surprise even myself with courage,  
sometimes to fall flat on my face –  
but always to move onward  
with the knowledge that God is encouraging me.**

**God's love frees me to view the world  
not from the standpoint of wealth gained  
or ambition achieved,  
but from the perspective of relationships lived  
and love shared.**

**God's love frees me to put my sins behind me,  
to know that no sin is too great or too small  
to be left open and healed by God's gentle touch.**

**Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**