

## 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 “big” 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!

The flowers for today’s service are given  
in memory of Miriam L. W. King  
by Janet Wagner.



### 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 – \$15,900.50

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$477,930.57

Year-to-date Received - \$475,539.24

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  
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Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
October 7, 2018  
11:15 A.M.

# Mary Poppins



## *God On Broadway*

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Overture

PROLOGUE

*Chim Chim Cher-ee*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

**All: The breath of God surprisingly stirs within us.**

One: The strong wind sends the clouds flying. The force of the gale  
leaves nothing untouched – changing everything.

**All: With awe and wonder we rejoice,  
for God's realm is approaching!**

\*HYMN

*Spirit of God*

see insert

UNISON PRAYER

**O Mysterious God, who hides in the shadows of our steps,  
who surprises in ways inexpressible, who lingers in paradox:  
ignite our spirits to revel in your presence,  
inspire our souls to dance in your mystery,  
free our minds to rest in your holiness,  
fully comforted, totally quiet, completely yours.  
In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

*Anything Can Happen*

SCRIPTURE

John 13:12-17, 34; 21:15-17

LITURGICAL DANCE

*Feed the Birds*

LITANY OF LAUGHTER

see insert

Based on Genesis 18:1-10a & Proverbs 17:22

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

*I Love to Laugh  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*

\*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

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SERMON

**Poppisms**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

No. 13

HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

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

EPILOGUE

SONG

*Let's Go Fly a Kite*

Oh, oh, oh! Let's go fly a kite up to the highest height!  
Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring  
up through the atmosphere, up where the air is clear!  
Oh, let's go fly a kite!

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Here I Am, Lord*

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

\* Those who are able, please stand.

\*\* Children are invited to Children's Church (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

**Litany of Laughter**  
**based on Genesis 18:1-10a & Proverbs 17:22**

When you told us to leave our old lives behind,  
to set out on a path you would show us  
and to put our trust in you,  
**We laughed in our fear.**  
**We thought we might get lost.**

When you told us we were special,  
that you had chosen to bless us and lead us,  
and bless the world through us,  
**We laughed in our astonishment.**  
**We thought we were too ordinary.**

When you told us you would make us fruitful,  
that through us you would create blessings  
numerous as the stars,  
**We laughed in our doubt.**  
**We thought we were barren.**

But when the promise was fulfilled,  
and we held in our arms evidence of your love,  
the power of your faithfulness.  
**We laughed in our joy, out loud!**

We laughed because it filled us out,  
and poured out our souls –  
**And because we heard you laughing as well!**

A cheerful heart is indeed good medicine,  
but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.  
**Let us therefore have cheerful hearts.**  
**Let us keep laughing!**