

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 worship service are given
in memory of Henry Hendrix
by Emerson Hendrix.**



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 - \$14,018.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$490,185.20

Year-to-date Received - \$489,557.24

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
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United Methodist Church
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11:15 A.M.**



God On Broadway

21st Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PROLOGUE *Why Can't the English* Henry Higgins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this service where we bring our needs and longings.

**All: Each of us has traveled different roads
and conceived diverse thoughts this week.**

One: But underneath our differences lies the same basic need for love and acceptance.

**All: That's why we are here –
to admit to each other our need for love.**

One: Let us celebrate in worship the most marvelous fact of the universe –

All: God loves us and accepts us just as we are.

*HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* No. 140

SONG *Get Me to the Church on Time* Alfred Doolittle

ANNOUNCEMENTS Alfie & His Pals
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SONG *Wouldn't It Be Lovely* Eliza Doolittle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Grady Mills

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our 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

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:1-9

*HYMN *When the Poor Ones* No. 434

SERMON **The Ultimate Transformation** 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 *Show Me* 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

One: Eternal God, we offer you our gifts to show our gratitude and love for you and for the world.

**All: Help us to do all the good we can,
by all the means we can, in all the ways we can,
in all the places we can, at all the times we can,
to all the people we can, as long as ever we can. Amen.**

SONG *I've Grown Accustomed to her Face* Higgins

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S FREEING LOVE see insert

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* 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 (K-6th grades)

Amazing Grace

(tune: *The House of the Rising Sun*)

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.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Eliza changed her features,
But Higgins was the one
Who needed help internally
To see the rising sun.

And when love breaks into our lives
And hearts feel strangely warm,
We're freed to live and be ourselves.
It feels like we're reborn.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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 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.**

**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 from my fears,
especially the fears of being rejected and abandoned,
and empowers me to feel and show love.**

**Thanks be to God!
Amen.**