

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They would be glad to help you. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship. 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 Martha Murph
by David and Kathryn Murph.**



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 - \$13,612.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$145,822.82

Year-to-date Received - \$150,557.30

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Laura Angell, Youth Director
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United Methodist Church
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11:15 A.M.



Palms and Pedicures

PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE

We welcome you to Asbury Memorial on this Palm Sunday. We would love to have you join us in the Palm Processional at the beginning of the service. If you would like to participate, please meet in the courtyard prior to the service. There, you will receive a palm and a bulletin.

*BLESSING OF THE PALMS & CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

All: Blessed indeed! Hosanna in the highest!

One: On this day, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem.

He was welcomed with palms and shouts of praise.

Today we begin our pilgrimage through Holy Week.

While traveling the path of suffering,

we reach out and embrace the gift of Easter – abundant life for all.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: As we gather together, we remember that God is here.

All: God's Spirit is with us.

One: Let us give thanks to our loving God.

All: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O God, for the acts of love by which you have drawn us to yourself.

One: May these palm branches signify that we are seeking to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

All: Amen.

*PALM PROCESSIONAL

*HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* see insert

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-3, 6-11 see insert

ANTHEM *Cry Out Hosanna! Hosanna!* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeanette Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angie Jenkins

*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189
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SERMON **Palms and Pedicures** 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 *Pie Jesu* Penny Brooks

*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

*CLOSING LITANY

One: Follow Jesus slowly; follow at a donkey's pace.

Do not forget Thursday.

Do not run past Friday.

Do not speed to Easter Sunday.

**All: Follow to the Temple. Follow to the upper room.
Follow to the garden. Follow to the judgment hall.
Follow through the city gates. Follow to the cross.**

One: Go, giving thanks that Jesus did not raise an army,
draw a sword, or run away to safety.

Go, giving thanks that Jesus trod the path of peaceful love to
the bitter end.

Go, in the Lord's peace.

*BENEDICTION *The Lord's Peace* Choir
(Following the choral benediction, please leave the sanctuary quietly
and join us in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour.)

* Please stand as you are able.

**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades).

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

One: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

All: "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

One: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

All: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

One: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying,

All: "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: We give thanks.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
3. The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore thee went;
4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C.

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho-rus make re - ply.
our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King.