

## 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 service are given  
by K. T. Aull  
in memory of her father, Marvin Aull.



### 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 - \$10,778.75

Given Last Sunday - \$10,936.46

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$334,144.35

Year-to-date Received - \$309,561.65

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister  
Randy Canady, Church Administrator  
Laura Angell, Youth Director  
Detective Santana Willis, Security

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Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
August 7, 2016  
11:15 A.M.



***When the Eternal Calls  
& We Can't Turn Back***

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Danny Adams-Edwards

One: As the summer sun shines, as the rain falls to the earth,

**All: we respond to God the Creator,  
“Here I am, for you have called me.”**

One: When people are oppressed or in need or endure suffering,

**All: we respond to the just and compassionate God,  
“Here I am, for you have called me.”**

One: So now we gather in your sanctuary and pray, saying,

**All: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”**

\*HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* No. 111

POETRY by John O’Donohue

*“Once the soul awakens, the search begins and you can never go back. From then on, you are inflamed with a special longing that will never again let you linger in the lowlands of complacency and partial fulfillment. The eternal makes you urgent. You are loath to let compromise or the threat of danger hold you back from striving toward the summit of fulfillment.” (Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom)*

SONG *Keep On Moving Forward* Emma’s Revolution  
Jamie Kelso & Sandy McCloud

SCRIPTURE Psalm 33:12-22; Isaiah 6:8; Tricia Richardson  
and Hebrews 11:1-3

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 *Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me ‘Round*  
Jamie Kelso & Sandy McCloud

\*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. Adams-Edwards

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Rev. Adams-Edwards

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SERMON **When the Eternal Calls  
& We Can’t Turn Back** Rev. Susan Karlson

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God’s table. To participate, please come forward when the ushers assist you. There will be three stations - the center station will have gluten free bread. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive the elements, please inform an usher. We would be glad to bring the elements to you. We will celebrate Communion by intinction – by dipping the bread into the common cup. Please feel free to pray at the altar after receiving the elements.

THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

\*HYMN *Here I Am, Lord?* No. 593

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Karlson

\*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-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

\*\*\*Gifts left at the altar during Communion go to the Emergency Fund.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great and mysterious God of creation,  
we give you thanks for the wonders of life,  
the beauty of the world we live in,  
and the deep and expansive universe  
of which we are only a small part.

We thank you that you have not left us alone in this world.

We are blessed with the community of others;

We experience your presence in the love we share,

and in mysterious ways beyond our abilities to comprehend  
or put into words.

We are grateful for the covenants of grace you have always offered  
your people.

In ages past, leaders and prophets have shown us your ways.

When we failed you did not reject us;

You are merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

You offer us forgiveness, and you sent Jesus among us to

demonstrate your love in new and radical ways.

As we gather around this table to share this meal,

we remember the great extent of his selfless love.

Born into a humble family,

he challenged the kings and rulers of his day.

Submitting himself to baptism and temptation,

he redefined what it means to be holy.

Teaching with wisdom and authority,

he helped us understand you and our world

in new and transforming ways.

Healing those who were broken,

he hinted at the wonders of your new creation.

Eating with outcasts and sinners,

he showed us how to live with others.

Loving you and loving us with his entire being,  
he demonstrated what it means to be created in your image  
and to see your reflection in others,

whether they be our friends or our enemies.

Suffering humiliation at the hands of those in power,

he displayed the true power of weakness.

Rising from the dead, he proved that nothing

is beyond the power of your redemptive love.

For this, we offer our grateful praise and we humbly pray:

**Gracious and loving God,**

**infuse this sanctuary with the presence of your Spirit.**

**Bring us into communion with Christ as we experience his  
presence in this sacred meal.**

**May these ordinary elements of life, this bread and this cup,  
be transformed by your presence**

**into the body and blood of Christ,**

**nourishing us with spiritual food,**

**and equipping us to be the body of Christ in the world.**

**Filled with your Spirit, may we do justice,**

**love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

### RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (AFTER COMMUNION)

One: Let us give thanks and pray.

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus –**

**for gladness in this bread and cup,**

**for love that cannot die,**

**for peace the world cannot give,**

**for joy in the company of friends,**

**for the splendors of creation,**

**and for the mission of justice you have made our own.**

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion –**

**oneness of heart, love for neighbors,**

**forgiveness of enemies,**

**the will to serve you every day,**

**and risen life that never ends.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**