

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. We hope you will join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, please drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. 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 loving memory of Sue Porter  
by Rachel Porter.**



### **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 - \$13,125.08

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$538,422.72

Year-to-date Received - \$558,207.25

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

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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
December 10, 2017  
11:15 A.M.**



*A Strange Way  
to Peace*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

SONG OF PREPARATION *Come, O Redeemer Come*

Soloist sings stanzas; Choir & Congregation sing the refrain:

*Come, O Redeemer, Come...grant us mercy*

*Come, O Redeemer, Come...grant us peace*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**All: How shall we straighten out our lives?**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**All: How shall we bear fruit in these barren days?**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**All: How shall we be worthy of our Christian baptism?**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord!

**All: How shall we prepare the way of the Lord?**

One: Love justice, seek mercy, walk humbly with God.

**All: We will prepare the way of the Lord.**

\*HYMN *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* see insert

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Delores Ellis, Ray Ellis, Randy Canady

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

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

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8

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.**

\*HYMN *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* No. 340

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SERMON **A Strange Way to Peace** Rev. Hester

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Shalom Rav/Abundant Peace* I Cantori

Grant us peace, your most precious gift, Ensemble

O eternal Source of peace,

and give us the will to proclaim its message

to all the people of the earth.

\*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. Marich

\*HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 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

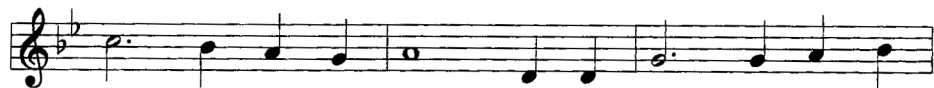
\*Please stand as you are able.

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

# Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice 2089



1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech - oes  
 2. "Bear the fruit re - pen - tance sows: lives of  
 3. With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro -



through the des - ert still, call - ing us to make a  
 jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er claim than  
 claimed sal - va - tion near, and his time - less warn - ings



choice, bid - ding us to do God's will: "Turn from  
 those; set your heart on things a - bove. Soon the  
 hold words of hope to all who hear. So we



sin and be bap - tized; cleanse your heart and mind and  
 Lord will come in power, burn - ing clean the thresh - ing  
 dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un -



soul. Quit - ting all the sin you  
 floor: then will flames the chaff de -  
 trod, till we come at last like



prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.  
 your; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."  
 John— to be - hold the Lamb of God.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (Matt. 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-37)  
 MUSIC: David Ashley White

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# 2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me —

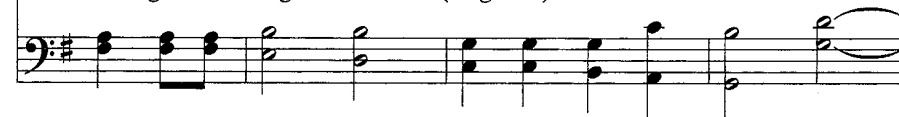


— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)

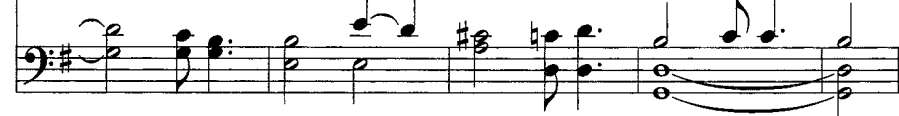


I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me —



— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)



WORDS: African American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum  
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I'M GONNA LIVE  
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