

## 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. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you'd like to know more about Asbury, connect with members of the church, or purchase Rev. Hester's books, drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given  
in memory of Harold Wiley's birthday  
by his family.**



### Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial 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 – \$13,830.00

Given Last Sunday – \$18,391.31

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$55,320.00

Year-to-date Received – \$48,356.20

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Claire Marich, Associate Minister

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Randy Canady, Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Margarita Bourke, Children

Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church

February 2, 2020

11:15 a.m.



**GROUNDHOG DAY LIVING**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: This is the place of worship and praise.

**All: We give thanks for God's house!**

One: These are the friends who are with us in joy and in sorrow.

**All: We rejoice in their presence!**

One: This is the faith community through which compassion and justice become possible.

**All: We will accept the responsibility.**

One: This is the Good News that Jesus proclaimed in word and deed.

**All: O Most Gracious and Loving God, we will follow your Way.**

\*HYMN *He Leadeth Me* No. 128

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy One, be with us in this sacred space.**

**Stir your Spirit in and among us**

**as we offer our prayers and praises.**

**Draw us into your presence.**

**May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors.**

**Let us see you through all brokenness**

**that we may find wholeness in being your body here and now.**

**In the name of the One who fills the world with Hope. Amen.**

PIANO DUET *Amazing Grace*  
Sanford Jones & Marvin Keenze

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

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 *Waiting* 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. Marich

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SERMON **Groundhog Day Living** Rev. Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS No. 48

\*HYMN *Blest Are They* 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> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades).

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

## INVITATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One: We have learned about God,  
who loved confusion into order  
and gave each creature a divine image,  
making the world.

**All: We have learned about Jesus,  
a poor man whose banquet feeds the world,  
a healer whose wounds give life,  
a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world,  
finding the divine in each of us.**

One: We have heard how Jesus died,  
and how he rose again.

**All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit,  
who breaks the bonds of race and class,  
of gender and creed,  
to show God's love for everyone.**

One: And we have heard that love makes all things new.  
We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

**All: These miracles begin with simple human gestures,  
bits of bread in a basket,  
tongues that talk,  
souls that yearn.  
And so we bring bread and wine,  
prayers and our own yearning,  
that the miraculous may begin in us today.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God who makes all things new,  
we thank you for letting us come as we are and share in this meal.  
We know that we are what we eat, and, having taken into  
ourselves the body of Christ, we gain his power, his healing  
abilities, his commitment to justice for all people. Help all of us  
gathered here to work together as the different parts of the body  
of Christ – hands, eyes, voice, and conscience – to carry on  
Christ's work. Amen.

GRACE

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## Blest Are They



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -  
3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they,  
her - it the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
shall be theirs. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they, the  
chil - dren of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
cause of me. \_\_\_\_\_ Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. \_\_\_\_\_  
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. \_\_\_\_\_  
pure of heart; they shall see God! \_\_\_\_\_  
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. \_\_\_\_\_  
yours is the king - dom. Shine for all to see. \_\_\_\_\_

### Refrain



Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Yours is the king - dom of God! \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: David Haas (Matt. 5:3-16)

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BLEST ARE THEY  
Irregular with Refrain