

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 memory of Robert "Bob" Waller and Phyllis Perry
by Geri Spears and Maria Waller.**



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 - \$6,799.42

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$49,018.52

Year-to-date Received - \$44,976.24

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Christina Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
February 4, 2018
11:15 A.M.**



Trying to Reach Charlie Ravioli

The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God,
whose creative imagination never fails.

All: For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

One: We gather to praise our God,
whose steadfast love never weakens.

All: For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

One: We gather to offer our best to God,
who walks with us through eternity.

All: For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 64

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39

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.

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS No. 48

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 *Jesus Loves 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

One: May these gifts be the means by which many persons come alive:

**All: the sick receive wholeness;
the bereaved receive comfort;
the downtrodden find a common purpose;
the refugee finds a home.**

One: Your gifts will be truly blessed, as you go with them to bring life.

All: God be praised! Amen.

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SERMON **Trying to Reach Charlie Ravioli** Rev. Hester

HOLY COMMUNION see insert

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.

THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER see insert

*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 577

*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 (1st - 6th grades)

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Lord, I'm going to be more like Jesus.
I'm going to seek out deserted places
where you and I can talk.**

**When temptation makes an offer I can't refuse,
I'll come running to you.**

**When others search after me,
to make demands on my time,
I'm going to spend time with you,
so you can shape and direct all I do.**

**When the cares of the world wear me down,
I will seek you out,
and find my rest
in your unflagging strength.**

**When I need a change of direction,
I'll climb to you in prayer,
to let your transfiguring glory
provide the vision that sets my new course.**

**When I need to forgive another,
I'm heading for you,
who first forgives me.**

**When I need to get closer with other people,
I will seek your communion
that bonds me to all your children.**

**And when you ask me to do the impossible,
I'll be praying in my own Gethsemane,
where you can take a humble servant
and change the impossible into a new reality.**

**Lord, I'm going to be more like Jesus.
I'm going to seek out deserted places
where you and I can talk.**

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

One: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.
Here we celebrate God's presence among us,
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once.
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.**

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: So we come to this table remembering
how on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,
"This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."
After supper Jesus took the cup and said,
"This is the cup of the new covenant;
whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."

All: **As we come to God's table,
we recognize that miracles and blessings
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,
so that the miraculous may begin in us today.
Amen.**