

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 Robert Waller and Phyllis Perry
by Maria Waller and Geri Spears.**



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 - \$13,015.46

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$22,434.28

Year-to-date Received - \$27,432.36

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**
January 22, 2017
11:15 A.M.



The Process of Dropping

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!
When the world divides us,
come and make us one.

All: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!

One: When the world calls us orphaned,
come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

All: Let us drink your goodness.

One: When the world leads us astray,
come and call us home.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Rain down on this place!

*HYMN *Showers of Blessing* see insert

PSALTER Psalm 46 No. 780

ANTHEM *In the Silence of this Moment* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jan Durham

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

Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-23

*HYMN *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* No. 344

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SERMON **The Process of Dropping** 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

*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: Let us pray together:

**We recognize that all good gifts come from you, dear God,
and you reveal glimpses of your grace through them.**

**We offer these gifts now, knowing that they come first from you,
then from other members of your family of creation, then from us.
Bless these symbols of our awareness that we depend upon you and
your creation for all that we call "ours." Amen.**

*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 (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing 580

Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings. — Ezekiel 34:26

SHOWERS OF BLESSING
James McGranahan

Daniel W. Whittle

1 There shall be show-ers of bless-ing: This is the prom-ise of love;
 2 *There shall be show-ers of bless-ing—* Pre-cious re-viv-ing a-gain;
 3 There shall be show-ers of bless-ing: Send them up-on us, O Lord;
 4 *There shall be show-ers of bless-ing:* O, that to-day they might fall,

1 There shall be sea-sons re-fresh-ing, Sent from the Sav-ior a-bove.
 2 *O-ver the hills and the val-leys,* Sound of a-bun-dance of rain.
 3 Grant to us now a re-fresh-ing, Come, and now hon-or Thy Word.
 4 *Now as to God we're con-fess-ing,* Now, as on Je-sus we call!

Show - ers of bless - ing, Show-ers of bless-ing we need:

Mer-cy-drops 'round us are fall - ing, But for the show-ers we plead.

RENEWAL AND REVIVAL

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!)

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