

## 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 honor of James T. Harrelson  
by Andrea Harrelson.**



### **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 – \$16,975.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$82,980.00

Year-to-date Received – \$76,575.90

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Claire Marich, Associate Minister

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Chris Kincade, Youth Ministries

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Randy Canady, Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Margarita Bourke, Children

Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

### **Asbury Memorial Church**

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church  
February 16, 2020  
11:15 a.m.



# Choose Life, Choose Love

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You surprise us as we come to worship, O God.

**All: The smile of a fellow worshipper, the feeling evoked by a favorite hymn, remind us that we belong.**

One: You delight us as we come to worship, O God.

**All: The laughter of children, the greeting of old friends, welcoming visitors, lifts our spirits.**

One: You challenge us as we come to worship, O God.

**All: The needs of our church family, the needs in our community, the needs of despairing ones far from here, call to action.**

One: Your love enfolds us as we come to worship, O God.

**All: Your love, compassionately clear in the life and teachings of Jesus, endures and will endure. Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:15-20

ANTHEM *Grace Before Sleep* Deland H.S. Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Richard Allen

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy; **All: Hear our 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

pianist, Ray Ellis

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:21-30

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 *When the Poor Ones* No. 434  
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SERMON **Choose Life, Choose Love** 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 *Bonse Aba* Deland H.S. Choir  
Zambian, "All People"

"All who sing have the right to be called children of God."

\*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. Allen

\*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 92

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