

## 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 Sara and Rob Carlyle  
by Candace, Chris, Abigail, and Robbie Jenkins.**



### 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 - \$10,402.33

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$12,254.63

Year-to-date Received - \$10,402.33

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

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United Methodist Church  
January 14, 2018  
11:15 A.M.



*What Samuel, MLK, &  
You Have in Common*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

## WORSHIP SERVICE

INTROIT *Speak, O Lord* Kevin Cartee  
David Alley, guitar

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: As the winter winds blow, as the rain falls to the earth,

**All: we respond to God the Creator, who calls us.**

One: When people are oppressed or in need or endure suffering,

**All: we respond to the just and compassionate God,  
"Here I am, for you have called me."**

One: So now we gather in your sanctuary and pray, saying,

**All: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."**

\*HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

SCRIPTURE I Samuel 3:1-10

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

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

Asbury Choir

\*HYMN *The Summons* see insert

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SERMON **What Samuel, MLK,  
and You Have in Common** 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 *Be Not Afraid* 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.

\*COVENANT PRAYER see insert

\*HYMN *God Is Speaking*

God is speaking. God is speaking.

Do you hear? Do you hear?

Trust and you will hear him. Trust and you will hear him.

God is love. God is love.

God is speaking, always speaking

using needs, using joys,

speaking in His wisdom, speaking in Her mercy,  
calling hearts, changing lives.

God is speaking. God is speaking.

Do you hear, hear God's heart?

Trust and you will hear God, if you want to hear God.

God is love, always love.

\*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)

## A Covenant Prayer of Recommitment to Justice

One: At this time of year when we recognize the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., let us recommit our lives to serving and loving others as we seek justice for all.  
Let us pray:

One: O God, who has created your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From our earliest days as the people whom you intend to be free, O God, you have called us forth from self-seeking bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint, to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

**All: You are our freeing God,  
and we would be your free and freeing people.**

One: O God of Exodus and the Burning Bush, of the Prophets and of Jesus, we hear your powerful calling to be your servants in the service of all those who are oppressed. At every turn we hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God.

**All: You are our servant God,  
and we would be your serving people.**

One: O God, our Sustainer, search our hearts and reveal to us all the ways we contribute to injustice and to self-destroying bondage. Give us deep courage to find the path of your way, ready to give our very selves as living sacrifices for your will. We have heard you calling us.

**All: You are our God and we are your people. Help us to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples. To your will for justice we recommit ourselves and pledge ourselves, our funds, and our actions. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**