

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 honor of Cheri Hester's January 17th birthday
by the Hester family.**



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 – \$14,416.90

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$11,217.14

Year-to-date Received - \$14,416.90

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 15, 2017
11:15 A.M.



525,600 Minutes

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "Follow me." We don't always know what that means.
We are on a journey of discovery.

All: Thanks be to Christ Jesus who has called us into service and has enlisted us in a new expedition.

One: We do not know just what we may encounter. The mysteries of God are many and the will of God is often hard to track.

All: Let us shoulder our packs and gear. The Spirit will be our guide. Let us continue our journey by worshiping God.

*HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 116

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8

ANTHEM *Lord, Can You Hear Me Praying?* Asbury Choir

LITANY OF RECOMMITMENT TO JUSTICE see insert

*HYMN *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*



1. Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
2. We're ac - cept - ed as we are,
3. Cast a - side your doubts and fears,
4. We will tear down the walls!



Christ has bro - ken down the wall. Let us join our
we're ac - cept - ed as we are. Through God's love all is
cast a - side your doubts and fears. Peace and love, free-ly
We will tear down ev - ery wall! God has called us,



1-4
hearts as one, Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
rec - on - ciled, we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
of - fered here; cast a - side your doubts and fears.
one and all; Christ has bro - ken down the wall!



Optional ending
wall! Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

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SERMON **525,600 Minutes** 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 *What Does the Lord Require of You?* 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.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER see insert

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

*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)

Litany & Prayer of Recommitment to Justice

One: God of all races and nations,
we praise you for all your faithful servants
who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with God.

At this time of year when we recognize the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., we give thanks for apostles, martyrs, leaders, and humble folk whose names were never in the news, but are recorded in your book of life

All: We give you thanks, O God.

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, you have called us forth from self-seeking bondage, 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, our actions. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God,
may we hear your voice
in the stillness of night,
in clatter of day
You call us, and we respond,
Here I am!
May we follow you and
May we love as you love.

Holy One,
through trials and turbulence
make us steady,
your hands holding strong the fragile and weak
May we love as you love.

Gracious God,
may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry,
bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word
May we love as you love.

God of justice,
remove the barriers of our lives that keep us from
one another, barriers we construct
based on skin color, religion, or gender
May we hear, and follow, graciously.
May we love as you love.

Loving God,
take this day our fears our worries, and distractions,
Turn them into grace and mercy,
May we love as you love.
Amen.