WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping 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.

> > Where the Joy of God is Expressed Creatively!

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 Ray Ellis, Minister of Music Claudette DeLong, Office Manager Ashley Stroud, Children's Ministry Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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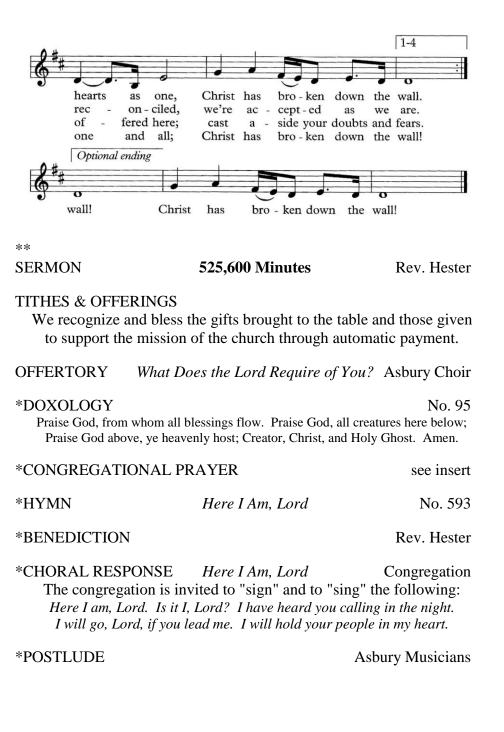


525,600 Minutes

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE	Asbury Musicians
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kathy Hodges
CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for w	vorship
 *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 Prais	<i>ie</i> No. 116
SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8	
ANTHEM Lord, Can You Hear Me Pray	ing? 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. we're ac - cept - ed as we are. Christ has bro - ken down the wall. we're ac - cept - ed as we are. cast a - side your doubts and fears. We will tear down ev - ery wall! Christ has cast a - side your doubts and fears. We will tear down ev - ery wall!	



^{*} Please stand as you are able.

**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

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.