

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 by Candace Jenkins in memory of her parents, Sara and Bob Carlyle and her twin brother, Rob Carlyle.



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 – \$13,170.00

Given Last Sunday – \$2,579.78

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$27,660.00

Year-to-date Received – \$11,328.78

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Claire Marich, Associate Minister

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Randy Canady, Administrator

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Margarita Bourke, Children

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church

January 19, 2020

11:15 a.m.



The Evolution of Your Spiritual Self

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Isaiah 49

One: Listen, you people of coastlands and oceans!
The Lord has called us here!

**All: Gathered as one,
honored and called by our Creator,
we are servants and friends,
striving to follow Jesus.
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139

LITANY OF CELEBRATION see insert

SONG *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

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

Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE John 1:29-42

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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 454
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SERMON **The Evolution
of Your Spiritual Self** 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 *You Alone are God* 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Marich

*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* No. 519

*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 OF CELEBRATION

One: Martin King had a dream. The ideals of justice and freedom and the belief that all are created equal in the eyes of God are noble principles. But they are meaningless unless they become the personal possession of each one of us.

All: **For Zion's sake I will not keep silent. I will struggle with myself. I will not rest until the dream of justice and freedom becomes my personal dream. I must realize that I am not an innocent bystander. I can help realize the dream by my action, or delay it by my inaction.**

One: Martin's dream of a day when people from all races and nations, even the offspring of slaves and former slave owners, can sit at a table as brothers and sisters and find ways of transforming their differences into assets. That was Martin's dream. What is your dream?

All: **My dream is that one day soon I will find a way to stop just celebrating the dream and start living it. It must become a part of my daily life; or nothing much will change.**

One: The dream is not about an ideal world; It is about the real world. Martin King's poetic refrain, "I Have a Dream," is a call for us to remember the real world where injustice abounds.

All: **When I am in the shelter of my home, I must remember the homeless. When I eat, I must remember the hungry. When I feel secure, I must remember the insecure. When I see injustice, I remember that it will not stop unless I stop it.**

One: I have a dream!

All: **I also have a dream. I have a dream that the Holy Spirit will arouse in me that very flame of righteousness that caused Martin King to become a servant for the freedom and liberation of all God's children.**

GRACE

2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



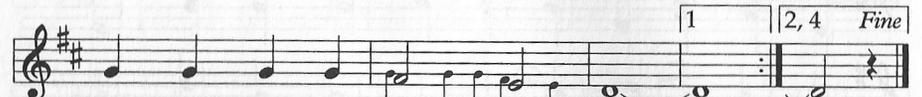
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, _____ and in



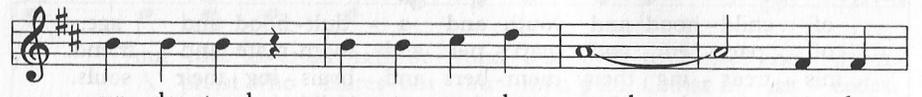
where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____
dy - ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. _____



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, _____ to be



un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, _____ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. _____

WORDS: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)
MUSIC: Sebastian Temple

CHANNEL OF PEACE
Irregular