

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They will be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. To learn more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" during Coffee Hour. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given  
by Lew and Kathleen Leopard  
in memory of their daughter, Elizabeth Hope Flanagan,  
who made her transition on July 11, 2016.**



### 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 - \$10,833.50

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$306,365.75

Year-to-date Received - \$310,175.46

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Laura Angell, Youth Director

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

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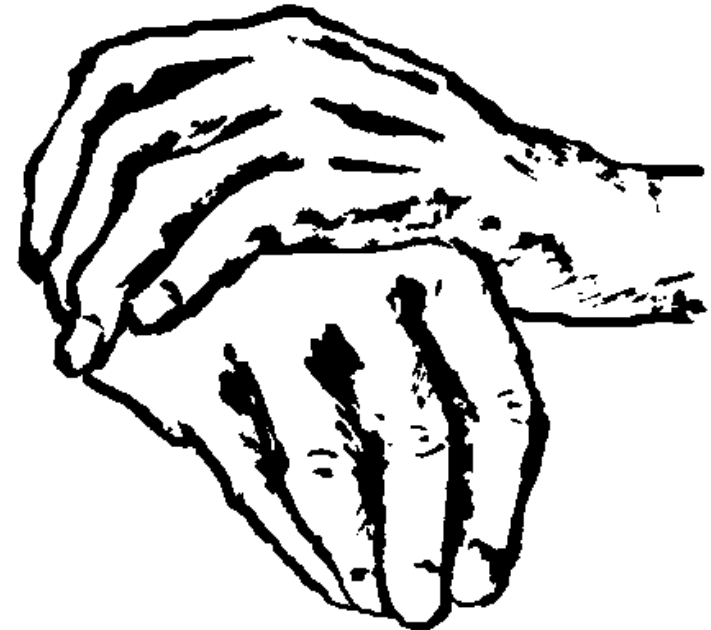
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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church**

**July 1, 2018**

**11:15 A.M.**



*I Want to Hold Your Hand*

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

\*NATIONAL ANTHEM Asbury Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Touch us with your presence, O God!

**All: We will respond with worship that is joyful and free.**

One: Touch us with your presence, O God!

**All: We will experience the revealing, healing power of the Spirit.**

One: Touch us with your presence, O God,

**All: and we will be your compassionate presence to others.**

\*HYMN *This Is My Song* No. 437

### UNISON PRAYER

**O Mysterious God,  
who hides in the shadows of our steps,  
who surprises in ways inexpressible,  
who lingers in paradox:  
ignite our spirits to revel in your presence,  
inspire our souls to dance in your mystery,  
free our minds to rest in your holiness,  
fully comforted, totally quiet, completely yours.  
In the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

FAREWELL TO A MEMBER see insert

### 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 *I Choose 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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Billy Hester

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SERMON **I Want to Hold Your Hand** Rev. Hester

HOLY COMMUNION see insert

All people are welcomed at God's table. If you would like to receive Communion, please come forward using the center aisle as the ushers assist you. We will partake by intinction, by dipping the bread into the common cup. All of the bread is gluten free. After receiving the elements, please feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer. If you are unable to come forward, but would like to receive the elements, simply inform an usher. We will be glad to bring the elements to you.

### THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

### SPECIAL GIFT FROM THE CHOIR

\*HYMN *Trees of the Field*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy

\*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

\* Those who are able, please stand.

\*\* Children are invited to Children's Church (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

\*\*\*Gifts left at the altar during Communion go to the Emergency Fund

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

One: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.  
Here we celebrate God's presence among us,  
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;

**All: Nourished and hungry,  
loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven;  
we make one circle of knowing,  
believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.**

One: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life,  
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

**All: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall never hunger;  
Those who believe in me shall never thirst."**

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,  
"This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."  
After supper Jesus took the cup and said,  
"This is the cup of the new covenant;  
whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."

**All: In the simple elements of bread and wine, O God,  
help us to see the value of simplicity.  
Give us the strength, courage and fortitude  
to examine our lives and to keep the Sabbath holy,  
so that we may live more meaningful and fulfilling lives.  
Amen.**

## RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of abundance and mercy,  
We give joyful thanks for your eternal love  
and healing presence in our celebration of bread and wine.  
Bless this body of Christ  
that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants  
with each other and throughout the world. Amen.**

## A FAREWELL TO A CHURCH MEMBER

One: The church is a family.  
United by baptism, we are all brothers and sisters.  
And for a time, Asbury Memorial is our home.  
Like every human family, our church family is formed and  
reformed over time:  
as members are born, as they die,  
as members are adopted into our family,  
and as they leave our congregation for a new home,  
in a different place.

For a time, Rachel has lived with us.  
We have shared with each other good times and bad,  
we have shared each other's joys and sorrows,  
we have lightened each other's heavy loads.  
Together we have laughed and cried,  
together we have worshiped and praised God,  
together we have lived.

**All: Rachel,  
we feel sorrow in your leaving,  
yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase  
of your life.  
We will miss your love and support,  
yet we know you will add much to the lives  
of those who will be your new church family,  
as you have added much to our lives.  
We will pray for you and the whole family of God.**

One: Let us pray:  
O God, we ask your blessings upon your servant, Rachel.  
We thank you for the precious gift she has been in our lives.  
Help her to know and feel your presence with her as she  
follows her calling and continues her journey. May the future  
for her be a source of many enriching and transforming  
moments. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.