

## 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 my grandparents  
by Kathryn Murph.**



### 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 - \$7,832.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$302,862.78

Year-to-date Received - \$305,788.74

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**  
July 16, 2017  
11:15 A.M.



***Scattered, Withered,  
or Full of Life***

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jeanette Purvis

One: Laugh, children of God! Let tears of joy baptize your eyes and your cheeks. Give God thanks and celebrate!

**All: It's a miracle to be alive!**

One: Dance, children of God! Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit. Life is a dance and God is the orchestra.

**All: It's a miracle to be alive!**

One: Embrace, children of God! Open your arms and feel close to each other. It is in our openness where life takes on meaning.

**All: Let us give God thanks and celebrate.**

**It's a miracle to be alive!**

\*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

UNISON PRAYER

**O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.**

**Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.**

**May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning**

**fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives,**

**and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.**

**We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9 Martha Parsons

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.**

SONG *People Need the Lord* Carol Melton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen Asbury Musicians

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Rev. Purvis

& INVITATION FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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\*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189

SERMON **Scattered, Withered, or Full of Life** Rev. Nathan Godley

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We ask God's blessing upon the gifts brought to the table and those given through automatic payment. Online Giving Cards are in the red pads and in the narthex so online givers can participate in the offering.

OFFERTORY *Oh God I'm Glad* Stephen Reed

\*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. Purvis

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Godley

\*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-6<sup>th</sup> grades)