

## 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 would like to know more about Asbury, 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 in honor  
of Bette Hunter's birthday  
by Kim & Steve Johnson, Phil & Cindy Hunter.



### 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 – \$13,170.00

Given Last Sunday – \$13,925.50

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$118,530.00

Year-to-date Received – \$105,333.53

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Chris Kincade, Youth Leader

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Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church

March 10, 2019

11:15 A.M.

## *The Garden of Lent*



## RICH SOIL

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

LIGHT OF CHRIST & PREPARING THE GARDEN

Jesus, friend of the friendless,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lent calls us to a time of reflection and growth.

**All: We come thirsting to deepen our relationship with God.**

One: Lent blesses us with time to nurture our faith in the Garden of God's love.

**All: We come ready and open to the refreshing rain and warm sunshine of God's love.**

\*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 92

READING *Returning to the Soil* Dottie Kluttz

ANTHEM *In This Very Room* Asbury Choir

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

\*HYMN & GOSPEL READING

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*  
see insert

Matthew 4:1-4

Stanza 1

Matthew 4:5-7

Stanza 2

Matthew 4:8-11

Stanza 3

Luke 4:13

Stanza 4

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SERMON

**Rich Soil**

Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* 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

*Guide My Feet*

see insert

\*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 (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

## Guide My Feet

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BOOKS ABOUT THE BIBLE

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| <i>The Beginning of the Gospel</i>                     | Adela Yarbro Collins     |
| <i>Evolution of the Word</i>                           | Marcus Borg              |
| <i>Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the OT</i> | Ellen Davis              |
| <i>Half Truths</i>                                     | Adam Hamilton            |
| <i>The Heart of Christianity</i>                       | Marcus Borg              |
| <i>Jesus and the Disinherited</i>                      | Howard Thurman           |
| <i>The Last Week</i>                                   | Marcus Borg/John Crossan |
| <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>                       | Adam Hamilton            |
| <i>Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time</i>          | Marcus Borg              |
| <i>Reading the Bible Again for the First Time</i>      | Marcus Borg              |
| <i>Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism</i>          | John Shelby Spong        |
| <i>Struggling with Scripture</i>                       | Walter Brueggeman        |
| <i>Texts of Terror</i>                                 | Phyllis Trible           |
| <i>This I Know</i>                                     | Jim Dantt                |
| <i>Womanist Midrash</i>                                | Wilda C. Gafney          |

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)

2. Hold my hand ...      4. I'm your child ...  
 3. Stand by me ...      5. Search my heart ...  
 6. Guide my feet ...

## 2105 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,  
 2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,  
 3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain  
 4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er,

lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the  
 high a - bove its an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from  
 by the lure of vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me!  
 lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the

tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren  
 loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to  
 Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're  
 tempt - er's ho - ur, come and be our

rocks to bread!" "Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,  
 break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,  
 sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion,  
 liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us

"Can the hu - man heart be filled. On - ly by the  
 feats that fick - le crowds re - quest: "God, whose grace pro -  
 turns his eyes an - oth - er way: "God a - lone de -  
 lest we fall your trust be - tray. Yours, a - bove all

Word that calls us is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!"  
 tects, pre - serves us, we must nev - er vain - ly test."  
 serves our hom - age! God a - lone will I o - bey!"  
 oth - er voic - es, be the Word we hear, o - bey.

WORDS: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)  
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams

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