### WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping 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 Ray Ellis, Minister of Music Laura Angell, Youth Leader Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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# The Garden of Lent



# **RICH SOIL**

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

### WORSHIP SERVICE

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

\*HYMN & GOSPEL READING Jesus, Tempted in the Desert **PRELUDE Asbury Musicians** see insert Matthew 4:1-4 **Angie Jenkins ANNOUNCEMENTS** Stanza 1 Matthew 4:5-7 LIGHT OF CHRIST & PREPARING THE GARDEN Stanza 2 Jesus, friend of the friendless. Matthew 4:8-11 beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Stanza 3 Emmanuel. God is with us. Luke 4:13 blessed Redeemer, living Word. Stanza 4 \*\* \*CALL TO WORSHIP One: Lent calls us to a time of reflection and growth. Rich Soil Rev. Billy Hester **SERMON** All: We come thirsting to deepen our relationship with God. One: Lent blesses us with time to nurture our faith in the Garden of TITHES & OFFERINGS God's love. All: We come ready and open to the refreshing rain and warm **OFFERTORY** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Asbury Choir sunshine of God's love. \*DOXOLOGY No. 95 \*HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth No. 92 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. READING Returning to the Soil Dottie Kluttz \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Marich ANTHEM In This Very Room **Asbury Choir** \*HYMN Guide My Feet see insert PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich Silence & Reflection \*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester **Intercessory Prayer** One: Lord, in your mercy \*CHORAL RESPONSE Here I Am. Lord Congregation The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following: All: Hear our prayer. Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. Lord's Prayer I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **Asbury Musicians** \*POSTLUDE Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**Asbury Choir** 

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1st - 5th grades)

## **BOOKS ABOUT THE BIBLE**

The Beginning of the Gospel

Adela Yarbro Collins

Evolution of the Word

Marcus Borg

Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the OT

Ellen Davis

Half Truths

**Adam Hamilton** 

The Heart of Christianity

Marcus Borg

Jesus and the Disinherited

Howard Thurman

The Last Week

Marcus Borg/John Crossan

Making Sense of the Bible

Adam Hamilton

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time

Marcus Borg

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

Marcus Borg

Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism

John Shelby Spong

Struggling with Scripture

Walter Brueggeman

Texts of Terror

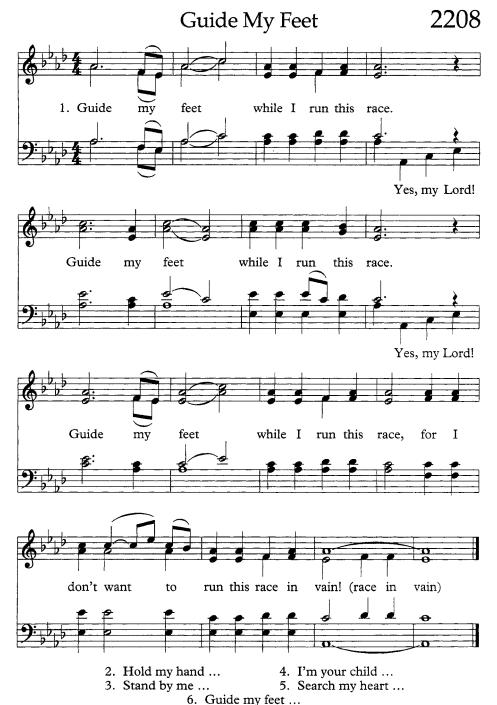
Phyllis Trible

This I Know

Jim Dantt

Womanist Midrash

Wilda C. Gafney



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THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST

CHRIST'S LIFE AND TEACHING



