

## 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. We hope you will join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, please drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. 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 Bette Hunter's birthday  
by Kim and Steve Johnson and Cindy and Phil 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 - \$12,254.63  
Given Last Sunday - \$10,894.56  
Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$110,291.67  
Year-to-date Received - \$106,059.70

Billy Hester, Senior Minister	Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Randy Canady, Church Administrator	Laura Angell, Youth Director
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager	Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries	Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries
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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
March 11, 2018  
11:15 A.M.**



***The New  
(But Really Old)  
Way of being "Born Again"***

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 107

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord,  
for God's wonderful works to humankind.**

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story,  
those whom God redeemed from trouble.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous.  
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\*HYMN *The Lone, Wild Bird* see insert

### UNISON PRAYER

**Merciful Lord, we ask for your presence with us this morning,  
as we contemplate our Lenten journey through the wilderness of  
this world. Lead us into your truth - that we may live as children  
of light, and act as children of the Most High. Amen.**

ANTHEM *On My Knees* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

Silence & Reflection

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

## GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:1-17

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 *He Lives* No. 310  
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SERMON **The New  
- But Really Old -** Rev. Hester  
**Way of Being "Born Again"**

### 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 *Bring Back the Springtime* Danny Beam

\*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 *Come, Let Us Dream* 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> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)