

## 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 John Mason's birthday  
by Wendy Mason.



### 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 – \$9,059.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$131,700.00

Year-to-date Received – \$114,392.53

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

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Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
March 17, 2019  
11:15 A.M.

## *The Garden of Lent*



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

### 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: Covenant God, God of Abraham and of Sarah,  
we come before you.

**All: You will keep your word!**

One: Covenant God, God of Amos and Jeremiah,  
we come before you.

**All: You will keep your promise!**

One: Covenant God, God of Mary and Jesus,  
we come before you.

**All: Covenant God, whose love is sealed in the waters of baptism,  
help us to trust you. Amen.**

\*HYMN *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, king of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

READING God the River by Susan Palo Cherwien

ANTHEM *Deep River* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Richard Allen

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy;

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

No. 895  
Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:31-35

\*HYMN *Lord of the Church* see insert

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SERMON **Deep Roots** Rev. Billy Hester

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *We Are Not Alone* 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 see insert

\*HYMN *God of the Ages* No. 698

\*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)

*Lord of the Church*  
(Tune: Londonderry Air)

Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our prayers to Thee proclaim.  
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduring,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labors, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek your mighty blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming your love for all humankind,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!  
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,  
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: O God, as we present to you our gifts,  
we celebrate that throughout the human story,  
your Spirit continues to speak,  
**All: in visions and voices, in images and ideas,  
and in all languages and all times.**

One: Not only in the lives of those recorded in the Scriptures,  
but also to people like Assisi, Aquinas, and Theresa,  
**All: through prophets and priests and peasants.**

One: The Spirit has spoken through people of many faiths  
from the Buddha to Gandhi  
whose lives and teachings echo those of Christ.  
**All: To Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Asbury, and King...  
to Mary Dyer, Susan B. Anthony, and Rosa Parks,  
Your Spirit came as a reformer's fire,  
blazing in the heart.**

One: And still God's Spirit comes to us today  
**All: in new voices and new visions,  
and in new understandings of the voices and visions  
passed on to us from yesterday.**

One: It may burn in our hearts like fire  
or whisper in the silence as a still, small voice.  
It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within,  
or embrace us in the touch or a word  
from another child of God.  
**All: But we are here today because the Spirit speaks to us.  
Help us to respond, O Lord.  
Amen.**