

## 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 Jane and Jerry Thimme's  
53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.



### 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 – \$20,755.94

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$144,870.00

Year-to-date Received – \$135,148.47

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Chris Kincade, Youth Leader

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Laura Angell, Youth Leader

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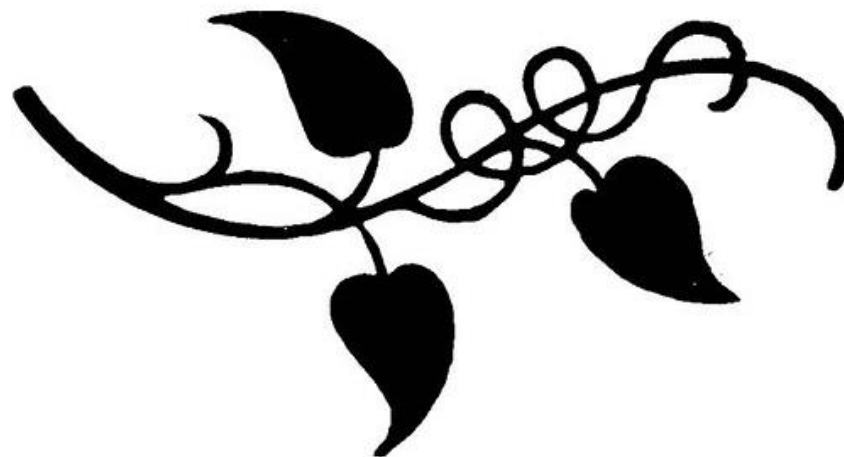
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Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church

March 24, 2019

11:15 A.M.

## *The Garden of Lent*



## *Vines & Branches*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

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: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. If the person remains in me and I in that person, the person will bear much fruit."

**All: God, you are our Vine, the Source of life.  
May we connect with you today in a way that brings  
light, love, and wisdom to our lives.**

One: "I have come so that you may have life...  
and have it in abundance."

**All: Christ, holy Vine; Christ, living Tree;  
Join us to your Tree of Life today and always.**

\*HYMN *O Blessed Spring* see insert

READINGS *Lent Is Not for the Faint Hearted* by Kate  
*Promise of Spring* McIlhagga

SONG OF MEDITATION *I Need Thee* Danny Beam  
*Every Hour*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Grady Mills

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

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:1-9

\*HYMN *When the Poor Ones* No. 434  
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SERMON **Vines & Branches** Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Love* 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. Mills

\*HYMN *Song of Hope* 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)

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O Blessed Spring

1. O bless - ed spring, \_\_\_\_\_ where Word and sign  
 2. Through sum - mer heat \_\_\_\_\_ and youth - ful years,  
 3. When au - tumn cools \_\_\_\_\_ and youth is cold,  
 4. As win - ter comes, \_\_\_\_\_ as win - ters must,  
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, liv - ing Tree,

— em - brace us in \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ the Vine:  
 — un - cer - tain faith, \_\_\_\_\_ re - bel - lious tears,  
 — when limbs their heav - y har - vest hold,  
 — we breathe our last, \_\_\_\_\_ re - turn to dust;  
 — be praised for this \_\_\_\_\_ blest mys - ter - y:

— here Christ en - joins \_\_\_\_\_ each one to be  
 — sus - tained by Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ in - fus - ing rain,  
 — then through us warm, \_\_\_\_\_ the Christ will move  
 — still held in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ our souls take wing  
 — that Word and wa - ter thus re - vive

WORDS: Susan Palo Cherwien (John 15:5; Rev. 22:14)  
 MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal H. Hopson

GIFT OF LOVE  
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— a branch of this \_\_\_\_\_ life - giv - ing Tree.  
 — the boughs will shout \_\_\_\_\_ for joy a - gain.  
 — with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 — and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 — and join us to \_\_\_\_\_ your Tree of Life.

Song of Hope  
 (Canto de Esperanza)

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May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, \_\_\_\_\_ fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! — Al mun - do en*

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. — Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*

on our way, \_\_\_\_\_ bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race. —  
*nos tu luz, — luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad. —*

Refrain

— Pray - ing, let us work for peace; \_\_\_\_\_ sing - ing,  
 — O - re - mos por la paz, \_\_\_\_\_ can - te -

share our joy with all; \_\_\_\_\_ work - ing for a  
*mos de tu a - mor. — Lu - che - mos*

world that's new, \_\_\_\_\_ faith - ful when we hear Christ's call. —  
*por la paz, — fie - les a ti, Se - ñor. —*

WORDS: Alvin Schutmaat  
 MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA  
 Irregular with Refrain