

## 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 memory of Connie Coleman  
by Cece Coleman.



### 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 – \$9,535.43

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$158,040.00

Year-to-date Received – \$144,683.90

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 31, 2019  
11:15 A.M.

## *The Garden of Lent*



## *Leaves*

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

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Shirley Session

### 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: Sisters and brothers,  
as we gather in the welcome of God's love,  
as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,  
as we gather in the power of the Spirit,  
let us listen for the voice of God!

**All: Let us worship God,  
who has spoken and still speaks to those  
who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One.**

\*HYMN *I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* No. 333

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-32

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.**

ANTHEM *Lend a Helping Hand* Creative Kids

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Cale Hall

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

BOOK *Seraphina Does Everything* by Melissa Gratias

\*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* No. 369

SERMON **Leaves** Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Season of Promise* 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

**God of abundant grace,  
in thankfulness we celebrate the bounty that you have given us.  
Grant us generous hearts that our gifts may do your work  
and our lives may reflect your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Marching to Zion* No. 733

\*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.