

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They will be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. To learn more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" during Coffee Hour. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given in honor of Mary Alice Garvin's birthday by her family...the Hearn and the Swangers.**

**Flowers are also given for today's service in memory of Helen Austing by Neil and Tine Austing.**



### 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 - \$7,541.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$208,328.71

Year-to-date Received - \$211,899.22

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church**

**May 6, 2018**

**11:15 A.M.**



*Pablo & Paul*

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: May the gift of the Holy Spirit pour out on us today.

**All: In faith and hope, we seek God's love. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Spirit Song* No. 347

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Rev. Jan Durham

One: Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom,

**All: but we live with tightness in our chest.**

One: You have called us to move in a new direction,

**All: but we cling to the path we know.**

One: You have called us to reach outward in love,

**All: but we draw inward for protection.**

One: You have called us to live with abandon, in trust,

**All: but we live carefully, in fear.**

**God forgive us.**

*(silent prayer & meditation)*

One: God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to help us.

God accepts both our courage and our fears.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 12:7-10 & Matthew 5:1-12

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 *Blest Are They* see insert

## 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 *You Are My Song* 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. Grady Mills

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SERMON **Pablo and Paul** Rev. Billy Hester

HOLY COMMUNION No. 13

All people are welcomed at God's table. If you would like to receive Communion, please come forward using the center aisle as the ushers assist you. We will partake by intinction, by dipping the bread into the common cup. All of the bread is gluten free. After receiving the elements, feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer. If you are unable to come forward, but would like to receive the elements, please inform an usher. We will be glad to bring the elements to you.

## THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

FAREWELL TO A MEMBER 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

\* Those who are able, please stand.

\*\* Children are invited to Children's Church (K-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

\*\*\*Gifts left at the altar during Communion go to the Emergency Fund

## FAREWELL TO A MEMBER

Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place. For a long time, Bill Peterson has lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad. We have shared each other's joys and sorrows. We have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried. Together we have worshiped and praised God.

Bill, we feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be with you in your new surroundings.

Bill is a big fan and student of St. Francis of Assisi. In fact, we like to call Bill, "St. Francis of Savannah." So Bill, it would be great if you could share any remarks you may have for your church family, and then if you would lead us in The Prayer of St. Francis that is on page 481 in the hymnal.

*(Bill's remarks and The Prayer of St. Francis)*

And now, as a congregation, let us pray and ask God's blessing upon Bill. Will you please stand and join me in this prayer-blessing:

**O God,  
we give thanks that Bill came our way  
and has been a part of our faith community.  
We give thanks for the relationships that have been nurtured  
through him.  
We give thanks for the many ways he has served you and your people  
through the ministry of Asbury Memorial.  
As Bill is about to leave us, we ask your blessing upon him.  
You are the strength and the protector of your people.  
We humbly place Bill in your hands.  
Keep and preserve him, O Lord, in your peace.....  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Choir sings, "The Lord's Peace"

GRACE

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## Blest Are They



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
3. Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
5. Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they,  
her - it the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
shall be theirs. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they, the  
chil - dren of God. \_\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who  
cause of me. \_\_\_\_\_ Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. \_\_\_\_\_  
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. \_\_\_\_\_  
pure of heart; they shall see God! \_\_\_\_\_  
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. \_\_\_\_\_  
yours is the king - dom. Shine for all to see. \_\_\_\_\_

### Refrain



Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ and be glad! \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Yours is the king - dom of God! \_\_\_\_\_

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MUSIC: David Haas

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Irregular with Refrain