

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They would be glad to help you. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship. 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 memory of  
John and Wendy Mason's 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 - \$11,217.14

Given Last Sunday – \$11,540.20

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$201,908.52

Year-to-date Received - \$208,371.43

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister  
Randy Canady, Church Administrator  
Laura Angell, Youth Director  
Detective Santana Willis, Security

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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
May 14, 2017  
11:15 A.M.



***The Best Mother***

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We've come to worship God,  
who loved us before we were yet born,

**All: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

One: whose presence never leaves us,

**All: and whose love for us never ceases.**

One: This is our God.

**All: Let's worship together.**

\*HYMN *Morning Has Broken* No. 145

ANTHEM *God Will Hear Your Prayers* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Bob Chvatal

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:15 & Isaiah 66:13

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 *Mothering God*

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, Source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

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SERMON **The Best Mother** Rev. Jeanette Purvis

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

Online Giving Cards are in the red pads and in the narthex so online givers can participate in the offering. We recognize and bless the gifts that are brought to the table and those that are given through automatic payment.

### OFFERTORY

\*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

\*HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 62

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Purvis

\*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 (K-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)