

## 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 Barbara Martin  
by Greg Martin.**



### Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial 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 – \$10,141.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$474,120.00

Year-to-date Received – \$455,127.43

Billy Hester, Senior Minister  
Claire Marich, Associate Minister  
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries  
Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries  
Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music  
Randy Canady, Administrator  
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager  
Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries  
Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

### Asbury Memorial Church

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church  
September 15, 2019  
11:15 a.m.



# Baseball Card Theology

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: After a variety of summer experiences, we regather to worship God and to celebrate that we are a part of God's community.

**All: Just like a building under construction, our community is growing and changing. New people come with fresh ideas and experiences. Long-time members share their insights and commitment. Every one of us – young and old – helps build community.**

One: Welcome to our community – still under construction – working towards a world based on God's love.

\*HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* see insert

RECOVENANTING LITANY Preston Hodges, Lay Leader

One: As we begin the new church year, members of Asbury Memorial are invited to renew the covenant we made with God and one another when we became part of this faith community:

**All: Today, I affirm my relationship with this faith community. As a member of Asbury Memorial, I will strive to deepen my commitment: To love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, To love my neighbor as myself, To follow the way of Jesus, who served and healed others, and to offer my prayers, presence, gifts, and service to this local expression of the Body of Christ. Amen.**

SHARING (Suicide Prevention Month) Ruthie Deffley

SONG OF MEDITATION *When Jesus Wept* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

Lord's Prayer & Choral Amen

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:13-17

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 *It Is Well With My Soul* No. 377

Stanzas 1 & 4

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* No. 206

Stanzas 1 & 3

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SERMON **Baseball Card Theology** Rev. Hester

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 *Lord, Listen to Your Children* 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. Marich

\*HYMN *Just as I Am* see insert

*& Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

\*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)

**Just As I Am**

1. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, Thou will receive,  
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Christ Has Broken Down the Wall**

Christ has broken down the wall.  
Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one,  
Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.  
We're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled.  
We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here.  
Cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls!  
We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us, one and all,  
Christ has broken down the wall!  
Christ has broken down the wall!

**How Can We Name a Love**

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1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,  
2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care  
3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite  
4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet

in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,  
in pro - jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,  
a pres - ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.

With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,  
we can, with par - ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,  
our Friend and Part - ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,  
Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:

Love's ech - oes sound and God is found, hid in the com - mon - place.  
Love un - con - fined, a fa - ther kind, a moth - er strong and sure.  
that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.  
In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.