

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. 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 memory of Janice Gantt's birthday by her family.**

**Flowers are also given in honor of Mary Ellen Campbell's birthday by her mother, Willa Wright.**



### 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 - \$17,780.52

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$415,034.18

Year-to-date Received - \$409,415.65

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Christina Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Laura Angell, Youth Director

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries

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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
September 24, 2017  
11:15 A.M.**



**Go to the Ant and the River!**

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: God of the Cosmos, attune our ears to hear you today

**All: in the great symphony of creation.**

One: God of Community, open our eyes to see you today

**All: in the drama of nature's connectedness.**

One: God of our hearts, touch our lives so we sense you today

**All: in both the beauty and the agony of the world.**

\*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 92

SCRIPTURE Psalm 148 No. 861

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.**

SONG *River* by Bill Staines  
David Alley, Gary Shelby, Effie Mydell, Doug Povie

### Refrain:

River, take me along,  
in your sunshine sing me your song.  
Ever moving and winding and free,  
you rolling old river,  
you changing old river,  
let's you and me, river,  
run down to the sea.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

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

OUR VALUES & VISION Kathy Hodges & Wayne Bland

\*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189  
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SCRIPTURE Proverbs 6:6-8

SERMON **Go to the Ant and the River!** 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 *Creation Sings* 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 *River* see bulletin

\*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> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades)