

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 after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, go to our "Connection Corner" during Coffee Hour where you can meet Asburians and learn about our programs. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!



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 - \$14,756.30

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$437,458.46

Year-to-date Received - \$436,080.15

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
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Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
October 8, 2017
11:15 A.M.

Carousel



God On Broadway

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

The Carousel Waltz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Billy Bigelow & Friends

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes worship is a parade, a celebration,

All: a gathering of people expressing their joy.

One: Sometimes worship is an adventure, a quest,

All: a gathering of people searching for meaning.

One: Sometimes worship is a funeral, a fast,

All: a gathering of people seeking comfort in their grief.

One: Among us today are people who have come to march, people who have come to search, people who have come to weep,

All: Yet we have all come to acknowledge God and to touch each other.

One: Come with open minds, open hearts, and open arms, that we all might find that for which we have come and that, as well, we all might be surprised.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

He Leadeth Me

No. 128

PSALTER

Psalm 23

No. 754

SOLO

You'll Never Walk Alone
Barbara Gooby & Rhonda Reed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeanette Purvis

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

SONG

The Highest Judge of All
Steve Reed

SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 12:6-10

Greg Martin

*HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

No. 191

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SERMON

Healing Wounds & Overcoming Fears 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

Poem, *The Man Behind the Mask*
Nick Deffley, Ray Ellis, Tim Ethridge,
Kim Limehouse, Pat Prokop
Dance, *If I Loved You*
Tim Ethridge

*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

REPRISE

You'll Never Walk Alone

Asbury Choir

AFFIRMATION

God's Freeing Love

see insert

*HYMN

Amazing Grace
(Tune: *The House of the Rising Sun*)

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

* Please stand as you are able.

**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1st-6th grades)

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found.
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

We come to Thee with humble hearts
knowing you are God.
Help us to learn to love ourselves
losing all facades.

And when we see that you are Love
Love, and nothing to fear.
We'll take up our cross and follow you
bringing life out of death and tears.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found.
was blind but now I see.

An Affirmation of God's Freeing Love

**God's love frees me to be the person I am
without having to become more attractive,
more intelligent, more popular.**

**God's love frees me to live in confidence,
not needing to be self-absorbed,
but ready to listen
and to hear the stories of others.**

**God's love frees me to take risks,
to surprise even myself with courage,
sometimes to fall flat on my face –
but always to move onward
with the knowledge that God is encouraging me.**

**God's love frees me to view the world
not from the standpoint of wealth gained
or ambition achieved,
but from the perspective of relationships lived
and love shared.**

**God's love frees me to put my sins behind me,
to know that no sin is too great or too small
to be left open and healed by God's gentle touch.**

**Thanks be to God!
Amen.**