

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us online. We realize that during this time of separation, it is critical for us to be connected. So please feel free to chat with other worshipers at the start of the service during the prelude and after the service during the postlude. We hope the service will leave you feeling renewed, fulfilled, and challenged. God bless you all!

**The flowers for today's service are given by Robert McEwen
in memory of his parents and sister.**

**Flowers are also given by Jo Poston, Janet Arango, &
Mary Pulwarty in memory of Embee McDaniel's birthday.**



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 – \$13,830.00

Given Last Sunday – \$15,407.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$567,030.00

Year-to-date Received – \$515,306.09

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

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
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Asbury Memorial Church
October 18, 2020
11:15 a.m.

God On Broadway



Shrek the Musical

Today's Sermon:
The Gospel According to Shrek

20th Sunday after Pentecost

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

The songs from *Shrek the Musical* were written
by Jeanine Tesori (music) and David Lindsay-Abaire (lyrics).

PRELUDE *I Know It's Today* Kay Deffley, piano

OPENING *Big Bright Beautiful World* Ogre Family

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: We all come to this service with many stories –
stories of joy and stories of sorrow.

**All: Each of us has traveled different roads.
Each of us has different needs and longings.**

One: But underneath our differences lies the same basic need for love
and acceptance.

**All: That's one of the purposes of worship –
to express our need for love.**

One: Let us celebrate the most marvelous fact of the universe -

All: God loves us and accepts us just as we are!

HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* All

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

SONG *Story of My Life* Fairy Tale Characters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Claire Marich

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our 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.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairy Tale Characters

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 12:5-10

Pinocchio

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 *Build a Wall* Shrek

HYMN *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* All

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!

SERMON **The Gospel According to Shrek** Rev. Hester

LITANY FOR THE BLEMISHED & GOOF-PRONE see insert

One: I hate the fact that I have weaknesses. I wish that I was always strong and brave and able to do what's necessary, instead of my weaknesses getting the best of me.

**All: But all of us have weaknesses,
and it is these weaknesses that make us human.
It is our goofs, our blemishes, and our failures that make us real.**

One: Maybe I don't want to be real. Maybe I want to be competent and controlled. Maybe I want to keep my failings in check so that no one knows when I fail.

**All: But that would be denying who you are.
Besides, our vulnerabilities and weaknesses are what make us able to accept the "warts and all" of others.
We are called to accept the thorns of others just as God accepts them in us.**

One: Let us pray:

**All: God of the blemished and goof-prone –
we come to you with our strengths and weaknesses.
Help us to be authentic and vulnerable.
Help us to be ourselves.
Forgive us when we allow our pride and ego to consume us and harm our relationships.
Help us to discover that when we are weak, we are strong.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Big Bright Beautiful World* Shrek

TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. All
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Marich
Thank you for all the gifts that are mailed to the church, that are made online through our website, and those given by automatic payment.

FINALE *Freak Flag* Fairy Tale Characters

BENEDICTION Fairy Tale Characters

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 *I'm a Believer* Smash Mouth



You can either click on the link provided in the chat
Or
if you have used ZOOM, you can simply enter the
Meeting ID # 3214986081.

Opportunities & Meetings This Week at Asbury

MONDAY, September 19th

- 1:30, Seekers of Wisdom Group

TUESDAY, September 20th

- 2:00, Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 21st

- 3:00, Interfaith Clergy Talk Show
- 6:00, Wednesday Night Devotion
- 6:30, Youth Group
- 6:30, Choir's Zoom Gathering
- 7:00, Discussion Group – *Life is In the Transitions*
(This is a pre-registered event.)

THURSDAY, October 22nd

- 11:00, Fitness Together: Zoom Workout
- 7:00, Zoom Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, October 23rd

SATURDAY, October 24th

SUNDAY, October 25th

- 10:00 – Godly Play Live (Zoom)
- 10:00, 10 O'clock Hour – *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts*
(This is a pre-registered event.)
- 11:15, Online Worship Service – GOB: *Les Misérables*
- Zoom Coffee Hour (after the worship service)

The links for most of the opportunities listed above are on Asbury's website at asburymemorial.org. Also, you can listen to a recorded message (an Encouraging Word) from Asbury members 24 hours a day by calling (912)358-0842. We hope that you take advantage of these opportunities to connect and be renewed. Please note that some meetings may not be listed on the weekly calendar.

Next Sunday...



Les Misérables