

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. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for the worship service are given
in memory of Christy H. Cook
by Cliff Harley.**

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 ministries are supported by the service, prayers, and financial gifts of our members and friends. If you would like to learn more about membership or how you can support our ministries, please call or email the church or talk with any of our clergy or staff.

Our Tithes and Offerings for the Year

Weekly Budget Need – \$15,013

Given Last Sunday – \$21,773

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$615,538

Year-to-date Received – \$462,375



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Billy Hester, Senior Minister
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Asbury Memorial Church
October 16, 2022
11:15 a.m.

God On Broadway



The Play That Goes Wrong

19th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

WELCOME Chris Bean, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Laugh! Children of God!

Let tears of joy baptize your eyes and your cheeks.

Give God thanks and celebrate! It's great to be alive!

All: It's great to be alive!

One: Dance! Children of God!

Lose yourself in the choreography of the Spirit.

Life is a dance and God is the orchestra. It's great to be alive!

All: It's great to be alive!

One: Embrace! Children of God!

Open your arms and feel close to each other.

It is in our openness where life takes on meaning.

It's great to be alive!

All: Give God thanks and celebrate! It's great to be alive!

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Billy Hester

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 15:13-15; 17:22

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Make a Joyful Noise* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

One: God of Light

All: Thanks be to God.

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

THE PLAY The Murder at Haversham Manor

STEWARDSHIP

**INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

*HYMN *The Lone, Wild Bird* see insert

SERMON **The Power of Humor & Laughter**
Rabbi Robert Hass & Rev. Billy Hester

OFFERTORY *Smile* J.J. Collins

OFFERING

Thank you for the gifts that are presented at the altar, mailed to the church,
and made online through our website and by automatic payment.

*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

*UNISON PRAYER The Clown's Prayer see insert

*HYMN *The Trees of the Field* see insert

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to sing and sign 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 through 5th grade & under are invited to Godly Play.

The Lone, Wild Bird

2052



1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is
 2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the
 3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the
 4. In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be -
 5. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re -



still with you, nor leaves your sight. And
 sea's dark deep and far - off land. And
 path I walk my whole life through; my
 fore my birth you spoke my name; with -
 new my life, my spir - it heal; for



I am yours! I rest in you, Great
 I am yours! I rest in you, Great
 days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears, my
 in my soul, as close as breath, so
 I am yours, I rest in you, Great



Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.
 Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.
 deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.
 near to me, in life, in death.
 Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.

The Clown's Prayer

Lord,

As I stumble through this life,
 Help me to create more laughter than tears,
 Dispense more happiness than gloom,
 Spread more cheer than despair.
 Never let me be so indifferent,
 That I will fail to see the wonders in the eyes of a child
 Or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.
 Never let me forget that my total effort is to cheer people,
 Make them happy, and forget momentarily,
 All the unpleasanties in their lives.
 And in my final moment, may I hear you whisper:
 "When you made My people smile, You made Me smile."
 Amen.

The Trees of the Field Isaiah 55:12

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
 The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
 There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
 will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
 The trees of the field will clap their hands
 The trees of the field will clap their hands
 While you go out with joy!