

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 my husband, Bill Budarz and
my parents, Bill & Julianna Wolkoff by Marcia Budarz.**

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 – \$8,942

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$690,604

Year-to-date Received – \$522,773

Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Claire Marich, Assoc. Minister
Candace Jenkins, Connectional
Ministries
Beth Tyson, Youth Ministry
Chris Kincade, Children & Youth
Ministries



Give Now

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Randy Canady, Administrator
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist
Barri Marshall, Live Streaming

Asbury Memorial Church
November 20, 2022
11:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving Service on Commitment Sunday



24th Sunday after Pentecost

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WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Billy Hester

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into God's gates with hearts full of thanksgiving!

All: We enter God's courts with songs of praise!

One: Let us worship God with gladness and gratitude!

**All: We bless God's holy name,
for God has given us a love that never ends!**

*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No.694

SCRIPTURE I Thessalonians 5:11-18

SCENE An Afternoon in Chippewa

ANTHEM *All Good Gifts* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

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.

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

LITANY OF COMMITMENT see insert

OFFERING OF PLEDGES

As the choir sings the anthem, Consider the Lilies, you are invited to bring your 2023 Pledge Card to the altar area and place it in the basket. Please feel free to spend time in prayer at the altar.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we pray for the commitment to grow together, sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world. Give us strength and discipline to nurture our relationship with you; to care for every part of your creation; to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need; to work to end all violence, war, prejudice, and discord; and to respond joyfully when you call, freely giving ourselves as you have shown the way. Amen.

**INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

WORDS FROM ZANDER Zander Moricz

*HYMN *Come, Let Us Dream* see insert

SERMON Thanks"Living" Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Thanksgiving Medley* Instrumental
Kay Deffley, piano; Holland Morgan, organ

*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. Claire Marich

*HYMN *Forward Through the Ages* No. 555

*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 - 5th grades)

Litany of Commitment

One: When vision fails us,
when the way is long and dusty,
we rely on our commitment to God who sustains us.

All: We are committed to the inward and outward journey.

One: Through prayer and outreach,
through peacemaking and activism,
we open our hearts and the world to God.

All: We are called to live out God's word.

One: In this faith community, the body of Christ,
we find love and conflict,
joy and sorrow.

**All: We commit to intimacy and involvement,
even when it is painful.**

One: God has blessed us with as abundance of resources.

All: We will be generous in sharing what we have received.

One: Commitment transforms
promise into reality
timidity into courage,
pain into joy,
and intention into action.

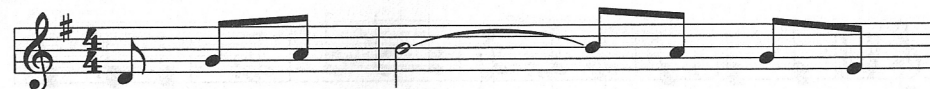
**All: In the promise of transformation,
we bring our selves to God and to this community once again.**

One: Let us pray together:

**All: Eternal God,
I come today to affirm my relationship with this community.
As a member of Asbury Memorial,
I will deepen my relationship in this local expression
of the body of Christ, sharing my gifts from God with
those who worship here and with others in the wider world.
As we approach the season of Advent
and as we approach a new year,
we pray for the people and ministries of this church
and renew our vow to support Asbury with
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.
We pray that Asbury will continue to be a place where
God's people will be renewed, fulfilled, and challenged.
Amen.**

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Come, Let Us Dream



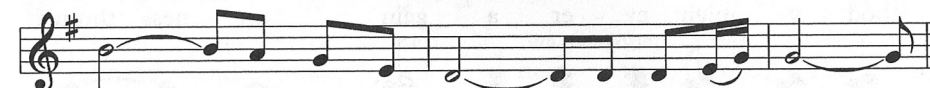
1. Come, let us dream God's dream a -
2. The lame shall walk, the blind shall
3. When ha - tred ends and war shall
4. But know the cost of claim - ing
5. Proph - ets are scorned in their own



gain. Come, one and all, let us as -
see, the doors swing wide, all pri - soners
cease, so all may dwell in deep - est
sight of God's new day, of wrongs made
lands and mar - tyr's slain by right - eous



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free, the low - ly raised, the proud brought
peace, then be as - sured the time is
right, for some have paid the high - est
hands; though dream - ers die, the dream will



old saw God's new day on earth un - fold.
low. This is God's dream: let jus - tice flow.
near when per - fect love casts out all fear.
price, their lives for us, a sac - ri - fice.
live, for we have yet our lives to give.

WORDS: John Middleton
MUSIC: English folk melody
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