

## 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 Dan Davison  
by Lee Davison and family.**

### 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 – \$14,154

Given Last Sunday – \$5,360

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$28,308

Year-to-date Received – \$16,474



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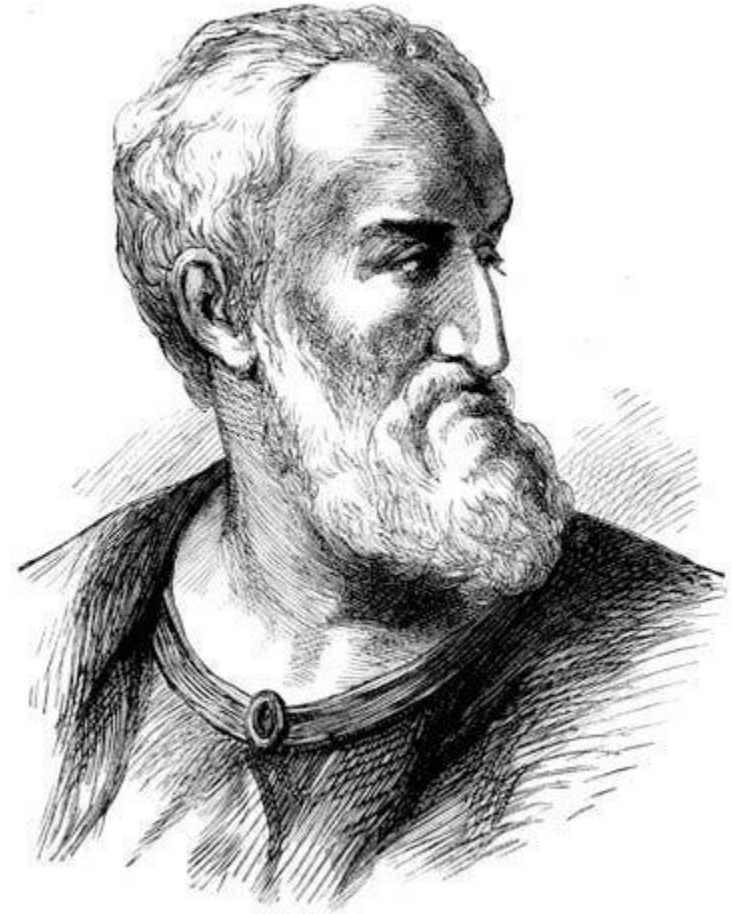
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Asbury Memorial Church  
January 15, 2023  
11:15 a.m.



## What are You Looking For?

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Billy Hester

GATHERING WORDS Isaiah

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The prophet Isaiah spoke of God's servant  
in whom God's soul would delight.

**All: We are God's servants, filled with God's Spirit.**

One: Without making a lot of fuss, without complaint, God's servant  
will work steadily for justice.

**All: We are God's servants, filled with God's Spirit.**

One: God's servant is to be a light shining for all the world, to bring  
healing and hope and freedom to all of God's people.

**All: We are God's servants, filled with God's Spirit.**

One: Servants of God, let us worship God.

\*HYMN *Spirit of God* see insert

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

Choral Amen

Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE John 1:35-42

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.**

\*HYMN *Spirit Song* No. 347

### \*\*INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

SERMON **What are You Looking For?** Rev. Hester

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Order My Steps* 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. Hester

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see insert

\*HYMN *We Shall Overcome* No. 533

\*BENEDICTION Quotes are from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One: "All life is interrelated."

**All: Praise God!**

One: "We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."

**All: Praise God!**

One: "We are tied in a single garment of destiny."

**All: Praise God!**

One: Let us use our gifts to empower us to lean into this reality and  
this calling until we become the salvation we are dreaming of.

**All: Amen.**

\*CHORAL 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 are invited to attend Godly Play (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,  
who made the world,  
loves it and smiles upon it.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who has shown us the human face of God,  
and a love that refused to be limited,  
who calls us to a life that even death cannot end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit  
through whom God reaches us,  
surprising, prompting, and questioning us;  
who is the life-breath of creation,  
and the source of nurture, humor, and hope.

We believe in ourselves,  
as people made in the likeness of God,  
capable of great creativity  
and great destruction,  
but called to choose between them.

We believe that Christ leads us now,  
calling us to resist evil  
and to create and protect  
love, justice, freedom, and peace.

We believe in God's mysterious presence;  
with us in church and home,  
with us in bread and wine and water,  
with us in hugs and handshakes;  
yet always beyond our comprehension  
and appearing foolish to the world.

And we believe that the foolishness of God  
is wiser than the wisdom of the world;  
and we rejoice that God has made it so.  
Amen.

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## Spirit of God



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life  
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace  
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -  
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -  
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -  
and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for  
off lands you hold all the hu - man race in  
ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your  
your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. \_\_\_\_\_ Give us the breath  
all liv - ing things. \_\_\_\_\_ For when we live  
one warm em - brace. \_\_\_\_\_ No mat - ter where  
love ev - ery - where. \_\_\_\_\_ We can - not fail  
power of your wings. \_\_\_\_\_ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing, )  
your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease, )  
we go, you hold us to - geth - er so, )  
or fall, or know de - feat at all, )  
we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes, )



held in your hands, \_\_\_\_\_ borne on your wings. \_\_\_\_\_



*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! \_\_\_\_\_ come! \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Steve Garnaas-Holmes (Gen. 1:2; Matt. 3:16-17; Luke 3:22; Acts 2:1-4)  
MUSIC: Steve Garnaas-Holmes

DOVE SONG  
Irregular with Refrain