

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 today's worship service are given by Faustina Smith in memory of her brother, Ronald Allen Smith, and in honor of her brother, Harvey Goodwin Smith'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 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 – \$14,904

Given Last Sunday – \$4,541

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$387,500

Year-to-date Received – \$325,695



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*Billy Hester, Senior Minister
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Asbury Memorial Church

July 6, 2025

11:15 A.M.



Patriots & Prophets

4th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Billy Hester

*ANTHEM *The Star-Spangled Banner* Asbury Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather on a weekend of flags and fireworks,

All: But we come seeking deeper freedom.

One: We remember our nations dreams – and its unfinished work.

All: We long for justice, kindness, and humble hearts.

One: Let us worship the God who sets captives free and calls prophets to speak.

All: Let us imagine, together, a world made new.

*HYMN *America the Beautiful* No. 696

SCRIPTURE Exodus 5:1-9

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. August Alderman

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

**INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

*HYMN *Go Down, Moses* No. 448
Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 11

SERMON **Patriots & Prophets** Rev. Hester

HOLY COMMUNION see insert

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Go Where I Send Thee* Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY All

**Praise God, who dreams beyond all lands,
Whose justice flows through human hands;
May all we give and all we do
Bring love to life and make things new. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. August Alderman

*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* No. 519
Stanzas 1 & 3

*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 Godly Play (1st - 5th grades)

Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Liberating God,

You have always been a breaker of chains.

You heard your people cry in Egypt, and you sent Moses to confront Pharaoh, not with weapons, but with Your Word.

You led your people through the waters,
turning slavery into freedom,
and wilderness into holy ground.

When your people were hungry, you gave them manna.

When they forgot your promises, you still held them in covenant love.

And when empire rose again in the form of Caesar, you sent Jesus – prophet, liberator, and Lord – who healed the broken, fed the multitudes, and proclaimed a kingdom that looks nothing like Pharaoh's.

And so, on the night of betrayal by the powers that be,
Jesus sat at a table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

“This is my body, broken for you.

Take and eat in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, poured it, and said,

“This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All : Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ's spirit renews our lives.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on these gifts of bread and cup – and on us, your people.

Make us prophets of your dream,

liberators in your name,

and companions in your mission to the world.

Let this meal strengthen our resistance to every Pharaoh.

Let it nourish the vision of a world where all are free.

And let it remind us that we do not walk alone.

Amen.

Sharing the Elements

This is God's table, open to all.

With the guidance of our ushers,

you are invited to come forward to receive the elements.

Please feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (Unison)

Gracious God,

You have met us at this table,

in the breaking of the bread

and the pouring of the cup.

You have fed us with grace

and filled us with the imagination of freedom.

Now send us forth –

to challenge the Pharaohs,

to walk beside the oppressed,

and to live as people set free.

In Christ's name.

Amen.