

## 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 Dottie Kluttz in honor of Jim Kluttz'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 – \$7,889

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$447,116

Year-to-date Received – \$370,163



**Give Now**

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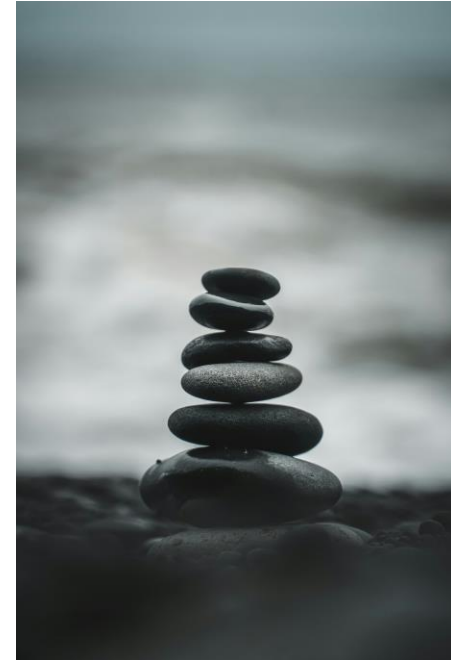
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## Asbury Memorial Church

August 3, 2025

11:15 A.M.



# The Art of Loving Well

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Pentecost

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. August Alderman

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: "Love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself."

**All: The Gospel in one word is love!**

One: We gather to practice this love.

**All: Let us worship God who loves without limits!**

\*HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* No. 111

### STEPPING UP CEREMONY

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Alderman

Silence & Reflection

Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 Musicians

### \*\*INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-40

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.**

SERMON **The Art of Loving Well** Dr. Danielle Pilgrim

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 *What a Wonderful World* Barbara Gooby

\*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. Alderman

\*HYMN *O How I Love Jesus* No. 170

\*BENEDICTION Dr. Danielle Pilgrim

\*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 (K - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

### Liturgy for Holy Communion

One: God seeks to be in communion with us, and wills that we be in communion with one another. Through Jesus, God drew closer to us by living among us and showed us that we each have the power to overcome wrongdoing by the inspiration of our spiritual lives. Jesus represented the individual model of how we each can do this;

**ALL: in calling to his side followers in his way of love and peace, many of whom were ostracized by the wider society, he revealed how to model this in our community here on Earth.**

Reminding us symbolically of this union of body and spirit, Jesus took a loaf of bread, broke it like we are often broken in our relationships with one another, and showed us the way to reconciliation by asking us to share our bread in remembrance of his example.

**ALL: Through the broken bread, we participate in and become the body of Christ in the world.**

Jesus took the cup, filled with the fruit of the vine, the vine that sustains us and links us to one another, and the fruit that nourishes the spirit that abides within and between each of us and asked us to drink of that same spirit of loving-kindness and uniting harmony that was in him.

One: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ lived. Christ died. Christ rose.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup. Let this meal fill us with love.

### 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)

**Loving God, You have met us at this table. You have fed us with grace and filled our hearts with a vision of love.**

**With this nourishment, strengthen us to care for each other and your world. In Christ we pray, Amen.**