

Asbury United Methodist Church

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Marian Styles-McClintock

Chancel: Michelle Dorsey

* Please rise in body or in spirit

Gathering Song

“How Great Thou Art”

Hanna Noh

Greeting

Asbury Mission Statement

We are Asbury! Abundantly thankful to God; Saved by Christ’s resurrection; Blessed by God; United by Christ’s love for each of us; Reaching out to our church family and our community; Yearning to tell the Good News to all by being Christ’s voice, hands, and feet in the world.

Announcements

Centering hymn

UMH #144 “This Is My Father’s World “ vs. 1

*** Call to Worship**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

P: God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

P: God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

P: God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

Announcements

1. Gratitude Wall: Continue to write what you are grateful for on the gratitude note and put them on the gratitude wall.
2. Collecting Mittens, Socks, and hats for our neighbors in need. Please bring them on Sunday and put them on the basket.
3. Advent Book study from Nov 29 (Wed) at 7 p.m. through zoom. The book “Right Here Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness” by Amy G. Oden, Marjorie J. Thompson.
4. The church conference on December 2nd (Sat) at 4 p.m. at the sanctuary
5. Haven UMC Christmas Concert on December 3 at 3 p.m.

Birthdays

- 20 Denise Aiken
21 Susan Hanke
24 Rev. John Holt
25 Charles H. Edwards

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Olive W. Spear and Verna F. Arnold, by Becky & Lee and the Arnold Family.

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

P: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2023.

***Opening praise lead by Alice Pace**

TFWS #2070 He Is Exalted x2

TFWS #2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High x2

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who loves us, who deserves our gratitude for so much that is good,

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving to you:

For the beauty of the earth — bright orange leaves mixed with green, a gentle rain, a spider's delicate web.

For friends, for family, even acquaintances who offer us kindness, who bring us laughter, who hold us to a higher standard.

Lord of all that is good and nourishing to our well-being, we give you thanks.

How we must try your patience with our pettiness!

All of life is a wonder. The very breath we take, the ability to rouse ourselves each new day, a single blade of grass that holds such miracles of symmetry, a tiny distant star whose real size boggles our minds.

We take our lives for granted — as if it were our right, and not our gift.

We take our days and our loves and our passions for granted — as if tomorrow will verify their importance and our present moments have other things to occupy us.

Gracious God, who lavishes goodness upon us even in some of our darkest moments, help us to see your goodness, remind us to have grateful hearts, give us receptive minds, and grant us ever-gracious ways of living in harmony with each other.

And in our gratitude, make us to be instruments of your peace. Amen.

by Rev. Linda McDermott, First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Passing of the peace

Children's Time

Patricia Smith-Disu

Choir A Medley of Hymns Warren Cole – Trumpet

A Testimony What am I grateful for this year and Asbury? Chris Harrell

Special Music “Let All Things Now Living” Alice Pace, Ned Quist

A Testimony What am I grateful for this year? Nadia McGovern

Special Music “I Just Keep Trusting My Lord as I Walk Along”
Frank Rose, Carlos Capacho

Thanksgiving message Pastor Yohan Go

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Our Gifts

Offering song “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” TFWS #2153 vs. 1,2,4

*Kids will collect mittens, socks, and hats during the offering.

*** Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,

Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow,

Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Yohan Go

Closing Hymn UMH #664. Sent Forth by God's Blessing vs. 1, 2

Benediction **Rev. Yohan Go**

May God's peace follow you wherever you go, guiding and guarding you, that you may live in joy and thanksgiving with God, self, neighbor, and all creation. Amen.

*** Prayer for peace through hymn UMH #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

Postlude “Blessed Assurance” Hanna Noh