

Asbury United Methodist Church

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*Please rise in body or spirit

Worship Leader: Patricia Smith- Disu

Chancel: Jill Rowe

PRELUDE: "In The Garden" Hanna Noh

GREETING: We have gathered in the Lord's house today with open hearts and minds, ready to worship and praise His Holy Name. We ask that this time of worship is blessed so that we may be uplifted by His presence. May we be filled with the Love and grace of Jesus, as we ask for his guidance in all we do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

BIRTHDAYS: February 3rd Carolyn Lamothe

FLOWERS: *The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and to Honor Virginia Goins Segar and Judy Simbron on their Birthdays, by Diane, Steve, & Greg with love.*

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION: We pause our day to take a deep breath, to refocus ourselves and energies on the true purpose of our gathering together. Take this opportunity to step aside for a moment and just be still.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Gracious and Almighty, Loving God, As we gather here in the harbor of your safety, we thank you for fellowship and family.

P: On this day of worship, we seek to be in your dwelling place.

L: We hear the longing of our souls to sing for joy to you.

P: As we pause to spend time in your house, we open our hearts and voices in songs of praise. May we draw our strength from you.

L: May the worship of you this day lead us from strength to strength.

ALL: Come fill our lives with your love. Fill our conversations with Your grace and truth. Fill this service with your Presence. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God, We thank you for the privilege of gathering in your house today to glorify your name. Your grace has allowed us to be together. You have promised that whenever we call on your name, you will hear and answer us. Come into our midst, God, and have fellowship with us. Make your blessings abundant, and grace us with your presence. Be among us from the beginning of this time of worship until we leave this place. **AMEN**

OPENING HYMN: Welcome # 3152 in Worship and Song Hymnal (vs 1,2,3) To be sung by Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE: REMEMBERING THOSE WORSHIPING WITH US IN THEIR HOMES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. **AMEN**

OFFERING INVITATION: God gave us the gifts of a beautiful creation, our home, and all who live here. We have come to church this morning to thank God and to offer our gifts so that the ministry of Asbury will continue to grow and be a blessing to the community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: Choir "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH # 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our lives. You have provided us with more than we could have ever imagined. All things have their origin with you, Lord, and from these riches we freely give that your church might grow in this place. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 90 1-2: Lord, you have been our home since the beginning. Before the mountains were born and before you created the earth and the world, you are God. You have always been and will always be.

Hebrews 13:14 Here on earth we do not have a city that lasts forever, but we are looking for the city that we will have in the future.

2nd Corinthians 5:1 We know that our body – the tent we live in here on earth – will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever.

Philippians 3:20 ...our homeland is in heaven, and we are waiting for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, to come from heaven.

***Hymn # 145** UMH Morning Has Broken (vs 1 and 3)

Sermon: Jan Jones

***Closing Hymn:** # 405 UMH Seek Ye First (vs 1 and 2)

***Benediction:** May God the Father prepare your journey, Jesus the Son guide your footsteps, The spirit of Life strengthen your body, the Three in One watch over you, on every road that you may follow. **AMEN.**

***Song for Peace:** UMH # 437 This is My Song (Vs 1,2,3)

POSTLUDE: "Blessed Assurance" Hanna Noh