

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Joan White

Chancel: Deb Bush

Gathering Song “Where He Leads Me”

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 “You Are My All in All” (W&S 3040) vs. 1

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! Will you join in?

People: Yes! We will follow!

Leader: Listen! Did you miss it? God calls us again to build the kin-dom of heaven. Will you join in?

People: Yes! We will be builders of the kin-dom.

Leader: Wait, did you catch that? Again, God calls us to declare the good news to those in need. Will you join in?

People: Yes! We will declare the good news with our voices and our lives.

Leader: And still, God calls. God never quits calling us to live and to give abundant life. Will you join in?

People: Yes! We will join with God in sharing the gracious gift of abundant life with the world.

ALL: May we respond to God’s loving and persistent call with a loving and persistent yes! A yes for us, a yes for our neighbors, and a yes for our world to be transformed by the good news that God’s kin-dom has come near. Amen.

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

Opening Hymn: "Softly Tenderly Is Calling" (UMH 348) VX. 1,3,4

*** Sharing Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

Choir "How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

1:16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

1:20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Songs of Illumination

UMH#454 Open My Eyes, That I May See vs1

Open my eyes that I may see / glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon: Never Too Late to Join in God's song of good news Rev. Yohan Go

Response Song: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS 2129) vs. 1 x2

Joy and Concerns

Hymn: (UMH 186 Alleluia) Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia x 2

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Yohan Go

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, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Respond song: Hear our prayer O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

Offering Invitation

Interlude “Here I am Lord” - Frank Rose

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.

Offering prayer Rev. Yohan Go

* **Closing hymn:** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (TFWS 2153) vs. 1,3,4

Benediction Rev. Yohan Go

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

Postlude “I Am Thine, O Lord”

Announcements

1. Rev. Yohan Go will have a spiritual leave from January 22nd to 28th. Please contact Asbury church leadership (The church council chair: Jan Jones) during his absence.
2. A memorial service for Marc Andrew Merlan, the son of Barbara Cavallaro, will be held at the church on January 23 (Tuesday) at 10 a.m.

Birthdays

22nd Sara Capasso, Dianne Pratt, Hanna Noh

23rd Jessica Whitney

24th Steve Capasso, Audra Drury

26th Marge Brindle

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dolores Rose Bonaccorsi and Edward J. Bonaccorsi on their Birthdays, by daughter Barbara, son-in-law Carl, and granddaughters Aubrey, Danika and Kelsey.