

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit

“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Gathering Song: Blest Be the Tie That Binds / The Gift of Love - Sugie Jung

Greeting: Good Morning and Welcome to Asbury UMC. It is a joy to gather together to worship and grow in our faith. We gather today not just as individuals, but as a family united in faith. Let us lift our hearts in joy and expectation as we begin our service.

Announcements:

Moment of Quiet Reflection/ Preparing for Worship

Leader: This morning belongs to Jesus. I open my eyes to your grace.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord, for waking me again, and meeting me face to face.

Leader: I place this day into your hands. I rest beneath your care.

Congregation: Guide my steps and lead my heart. I know that you are here.

Leader: Thank you, Lord, for waking me again. I will not run ahead of you. I will not leave your side.

Congregation: With every breath I surrender. With every prayer I rise.

All: We place this day into your hands. AMEN

(lyrics from “Thank you Lord for Waking Me” by June Rineba)

***OPENING HYMN: UMH #393 Spirit of the Living God (Sing x 2)**

OPENIING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

God of the journey, Thank you for knowing us by name and keeping us close. In this season of change, help us look forward instead of backward, so we don't miss any new thing. You are starting right now. As we navigate this transition, knit us together as a family with our new pastors and any person who should enter our doors. Help us to encourage each other as you encouraged all of us at various times in our lives. Show us the way you are clearing for our future. Give us the faith to step courageously onto the path You have opened. AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE: Turn to your neighbors in the pews and at home greeting each other in His name and sharing an encouraging word with each other.

Music:

Scripture: Romans 12:8 Whoever has the gift of encouraging should encourage others.

***Hymn: UMH #347 Spirit Song (Vs. 1-2)**

Sermon: Encourage Each Other Jan Jones

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 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.

Offering Invitation: Let us join together in joyful partnership to honor God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us.

Interlude: Nearer, My God to Thee – Sugie Jung

***Doxology**

Praise God, Creator of us all,

Praise Christ, by who we hear our call,

Praise Spirit, that which sets us free,

Oure awe is yours, the One-in-Three.

Offering Prayer: Generous God, Over and over your grace sustains us. Over and over, your love provides for us. Over and over your arm steadies us. We give you these gifts with gratitude and joy. We are thankful that you are God over all. AMEN

Closing Hymn: 2226 FWS Bind us Together x 2

Closing Thoughts

Every one of you is a perfect work of nature. Together we create a magnificent garden of dignity and courage. Together we will bravely strip away what clouds our inner joy. We will stand beside each other in this modest holy space, allowing our times together to wipe away every pinch of sadness, every fleck of confusion, every tidbit of doubt. The beautiful is possible.

In covenant with God and each other, we offer our unity to Christ. Let each of us take faithful steps to live as a worldwide church, **encouraging each other** within these walls and in all places. Share your God-given gifts...Your experiences and resources.

Lord, help us to have the correct attitude to make Asbury what it is meant to be.

Congregation: WE make it what it is.

It will be friendly -

Congregation: If WE are.

It will do great work –

Congregation: If WE do.

Its pews will be filled –

Congregation: If WE fill them.

It will make generous gifts to many causes –

Congregation: If WE are generous givers.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship

Congregation: If WE bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith and a church with a noble spirit

Congregation: If WE, who make it what it is, are filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, WE shall dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things that WE want Asbury Church to be. AMEN.

Go Now in Peace (music) Lift Every Voice and Sing – Sugie Jung

Benediction:

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that **TOGETHER** you may with **one voice** glorify the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 15:5-6)

Amen.

Announcements:

1. The worship leader for Sunday, July 5th is Patricia Smith-Disu.
2. 6th Annual JULY CEREAL CHALLENGE 2026 sponsored by Lakewood Baptist Church "HELP END HUNGER" to benefit WEST BAY MARKET PLACE. Our goal is to collect 1,500 boxes.

Birthdays

29th Tim Webb

1st Gregory Goins

2nd Barbara Cavallaro

3rd Kelsey Bishop, & Matthew Lucini

4th Erin Quist & Kaitlyn Travassos

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Mills by her Loving Family, Lee, Christina, Leslee, and Tyler.