

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Gathering Song: Hanna Noh

Greeting: We welcome you as we worship together. Dr. Yohan Go is our Pastor, but has taken some well-deserved time away from the pulpit to write and reflect. Please introduce yourself to your neighbor.

L: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are gathered in the Lord's house today acknowledging the bond we share. We are a family, connected by our Savior.

P: We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us. The peace of the Lord be always with you. Amen.

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:

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION: A moment of silence...lifting the worries off a heavy heart, trusting God is present and refocusing ourselves on the purpose of our gathering together.

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

Father, we thank and praise you. We lift our hearts that you might fill them with new love. We lift our minds that you would pour fresh hope into our thinking. We lift our souls that they may bathe in your grace. We lift our hands and our voices to sing your praises, to worship and adore you.
AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** _Make me a Channel of Your Peace # 2171 Faith We Sing vs. 1-4

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: JOYS AND CONCERNS (In response to Joys we say, "Praise God". In response to concerns we say, "Lord, Hear our Prayer")

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord's Prayer (Responsive Reading) *written by Wendy Lyons*

P: Our Father, who art in heaven,

L: Slow to anger and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth,

P: Hallowed be thy Name.

L: Remind us that "all nations are as nothing before thee," their governments but a shadow of passing age;

P: Thy kingdom come on earth.

L: Grant to thy children throughout the world,

And especially to the leaders of the nations,

The gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer;

That following the example of our Lord,

We may discern what is right, and do it;

P: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

L: Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless,

Especially those who are deprived of food and shelter,

Family and friends, by the tragedy of war;

P: Give us this day our daily bread.

L: Forgive us for neglecting to "seek peace and pursue it.,"

And finding ourselves in each new crisis,

More ready to make war than to make peace.

"We have not loved thee with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves".

P: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

L: Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation.

Let us not delight in victory, but in justice.

let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation,

L: Be present to all thy children ravaged by war.

Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed.

Be present to the loved ones of those who are killing.

And to the loved ones of those who are being killed.

P: Deliver us from evil.

L ;Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate,

And forbid us arrogance in victory;

ALL: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: Choir “The Power of Your Love”

OFFERING INVITATION: May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully. May these offerings be used to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need.

***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 THANKSGIVING: Gracious God, we offer our gifts today, with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. You are the source of every good and perfect gift. Use these offerings for your glory, extending the work of your kingdom in your church, your community and into the beautiful world which you have made. AMEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 16: 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

2nd Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

John 14: 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in one body.

***HYMN #3125 Worship and Song** Peace for the Children vs 1, 5, 7

SERMON: Jan Jones

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH # 437 This is My Song vs. 1,2,3

Benediction:

P: Walk with us Lord, as we answer your call to be peacemakers.

L: Increase our compassion, our generosity and hospitality for the least of your children.

P: Give us the courage, the patience, the serenity, the self-honesty, and the gentleness of spirit that are needed in a world filled with turmoil and terror.

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.** (Philippians 4:7)

*** LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH HYMN #431**

POSTLUDE: HANNA NOH

Announcements

1. Tea for Two's Silent Auction Fundraiser: May 4th(Sat) 2 P.M – 4:30 P.M at Asbury UMC
2. Mother's Day is coming up on May 12th. , this year Barbara Bishop and Danika Hallam will be collecting the names of your mothers, special women, whether living or deceased April 14th through May 5th. The cost per name is \$1.00, **be sure to mark the deceased with an asterisk**. Feel free to either text or give the list of your names and money at church on Sundays. Barbara 787-7518; Danika 575-1234
3. Rev. Yohan will be taking time off from April 22nd to May 5th. Jan Jones will deliver the message on April 28th, and Alice Pace will do so on May 5th. If you need any assistance, please contact the church office or the church council members. The chairperson of the church council is Jan Jones.
4. There will not be a Yard Sale this year. **Please do not leave items for the yard sale or the bazaar around the church.** Thank you!
5. Haven UMC will host a Spring Family concert on May 5 at 3 P.M. (200 Taunton Ave, East Providence, RI 02914).
6. Worship Leader May 5th – Alice Pace

Birthdays

April 28 th	Thomas Williams
April 29 th	MacKenzie Francis
April 30 th	Stephen Gilman & Sharon Kelley
May 1 st	Diane Newman-Goins
May 2 nd	Linda Lucini
May 4 th	Linda Mills & Benjamin McGovern

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Bradley, his mother, by Steve and Michelle Dorsey and Family with Love.