

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit

November 16, 2025 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude “Still” Hanna Noh

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn UMH 430 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” v. 1

Threshold Moment

Leader: The body is a unit, made up of many parts.

People: **We are the body of Christ.**

Leader: We are baptized by one Spirit and given one Spirit to drink.

People: **We are the body of Christ.**

Leader: If one part suffers, all suffer with it.

When one part is honored, all are honored with it.

People: **We are the body of Christ.**

Leader: God has bound us together as the church,
so that we might share the good news
that God's realm is at hand.

All: **For we are the body of Christ,
Gathered in love to worship the One who brings us life.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**O God, our Guide and Guardian,
you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.
Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.
Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,**

that we may not fear the coming of night,
when we shall resign into your hands
the tasks which you have committed to us.
So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,
but in word and deed all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** UMH 139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” vs. 1,2 & 5

***The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

I invite you to pass the peace, greeting those around you [and those at home via the cameras].

Choir Anthem “Heavenly Sunlight”

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10, 26-31, 2:6-7

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

Song of Illumination UMH 454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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!

The Message: “The More Things Change...”

Tim Webb

WE RESPOND

***Hymn UMH 437 “This Is My Song”**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory “You Are My All in All”

***Doxology**

Praise God, Creator of us all,
Praise Christ, by whom we hear our call,
Praise Spirit, that which sets us free,
Our awe is yours, the One-in-Three.

***Offering Prayer**

***Closing Hymn UMH 435 “O God of Every Nation” vs. 1, 2, & 4**

***Sending Forth**

Postlude “How Great Thou Art”

Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. Next Sunday’s Worship Leader is Dixon Disu

2. The Advent book study begins on Dec. 2 (Tuesday Book Group) and Dec. 3 (Wednesday Book Group). We will read *A Child Is Born* by Amy-Jill Levine. See Pastor Yohan.
3. Nov. 23, next Sunday, will be our Thanksgiving Worship Service.
4. November is our Thanksgiving Month. Throughout the month, we are collecting hats, mittens, and socks for those in need. Please bring your donations and place them in the baskets.
5. The Christmas Family Concert at Haven UMC will be on Sunday, December 7, at 3pm. This year's concert will benefit House of Hope, a local organization that works to eliminate homelessness in our communities. There will be performances featuring a variety of instruments, as well as beautiful ensemble and choral pieces. Help us fill the pews and support this incredible organization as it works with some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Birthdays

16th Jill Rowe
18th Ken Curry, Evelyn Jacobson, Pete Peterson
20th Denise Aiken
21st Susan Hanke

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn and Bud Wheelock, by Gary and Suzanne Wheelock.