

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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## Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany February 1, 2026

### WE GATHER

**Prelude** “Amazing Grace” Hanna Noh

### Welcome and Announcements

**Preparation Hymn** UMH #397 “I Need Thee Every Hour” 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)

**Heavenly Father, we come before You, desiring to dwell in Your presence and abide on Your holy hill. As we begin this time, we ask for the grace to walk blamelessly, to do what is right, and to speak the truth from our hearts.**

**Lord, cleanse our tongues from slander and our hearts from malice. Help us to do no wrong to our neighbors and to treat others with the love and justice of Christ. Give us the**

strength to stand firm in our integrity, to keep our promises even when it is difficult, and to honor those who fear You.

May our lives reflect Your holiness, making us a blessing to those around us. We commit this time to You, trusting that in living according to Your Word, we shall never be shaken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #451 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**\*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 “We Need You, Lord”**

## **WE PROCLAIM**

### **Scripture Lesson**

*Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow down before the exalted God?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
<sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly<sup>[a]</sup> with your God.

*Psalm 15*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?  
<sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;  
<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others;

<sup>4</sup> who despises a vile person  
but honors those who fear the LORD;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;  
<sup>5</sup> who lends money to the poor without interest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
will never be shaken.

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,<sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymn of Prayer UMH 473 “Lead Me, Lord”

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. Amen**

**The Message: “Living on God’s Holy Mountain”**

Tim Webb

**WE RESPOND**

A Unison Prayer (UMH #456 “For Courage to Do Justice”)  
**“O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;  
Open my ears that I may hear their cries;  
Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;  
Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,  
Nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.**

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,  
And use me to bring them to those places.  
And so open my eyes and my ears  
That I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee."

## **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Offering/Offertory "I Surrender 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 530 "Are Ye Able" vs. 1, 3, & 4**

### **\*Sending Forth**

**Postlude "Blessed Assurance" Hanna Noh**

## **Announcements**

1. Next Sunday's Worship Leader is Lee Arnold.
2. Please sign up for our Lenten Book Study, beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday Group) and February 25<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday Group). We will read Why Did Jesus Have to Die? by Adam Hamilton.

## **Birthdays**

5<sup>th</sup> James Keene & Allen Lucini

6<sup>th</sup> Danika Hallam & Michael Whitney

**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 and Greg with love.

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of R. Graham and Elizabeth Bosworth in honor of their 91<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary by their daughter Joyce B Moore.