

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Text to be said in unison.

“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Sunday

WE GATHER

Prelude “Amazing Grace” Hanna Noh

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn "God Is So Good" v. 1, 2, 3 TFWS 2056

Opening to God

We gather this morning as one family, young and old, new faces and familiar ones.

We come as we are, ready to begin again.

Now the season turns, and we rally again to worship, to gather, and to belong.

We come with open hearts and open minds.

This is a place for every story, every question, every gift.

All are welcome here.

So let us rise together, in this season of new beginnings,

to sing, to learn, to grow, and to serve as one community, bound by love.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Gracious God, we come to you this morning with grateful hearts.

We delight in you and in one another's presence. As we begin this new season, open our hearts to your presence, our spirits to your movement, and our hands to your service. Fill this time of worship with your Spirit, and strengthen this community of faith, so that we may grow together

and become more like Jesus. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1 & 3 UMH 191

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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.

Back to School Blessing

God, we thank you for a brand-new school year and for all the new beginnings it brings.

We are ready to learn, grow, and discover new things!

For every student, whether these first weeks have felt exciting or a little scary

Give them courage, curiosity, and kind hearts.

For teachers, staff, bus drivers, counselors, and all who care for our children,

Bless them with wisdom, compassion, and joy.

For parents, grandparents, and families as they begin new routines and responsibilities,

Give them strength, patience, and grace to support one another.

For new classrooms, new friends, new routines, and new challenges,

Remind us that you are walking with us every step of the way.

When school feels hard, when homework feels overwhelming, or when someone feels lonely,

Remind us that we are never alone. You are always with us.

Bless our schools, our teachers, our students, and our families.

Guide us, protect us, and help us grow in kindness, courage, and love, this year and always.

All God's people say,

Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Psalm 103:1-8

1 Praise the LORD, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the LORD, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

5 who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all the oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,

his deeds to the people of Israel:

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

Choir Anthem "This Little Light of Mine"

Sermon Rev. Myung Park

WE RESPOND

Joys and Concerns

Hymn "Alleluia" UMH 186

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" Hanna Noh

***Doxology** UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Offering Prayer

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS 2145

Benediction

Postlude "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, September 20 is Jan Jones.
2. If anyone is interested in helping with bread baking, the bazaar this year is November 7th, which means the bread baking will take place on October 28, 29, 30, 31. Wednesday through Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the coffee room late September.
3. The Chancel Guild Meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 PM.
4. It's almost that time of year! Basket Boutique is looking for donations of baskets – mostly medium sizes for the Basket Boutique table at our annual Asbury Christmas Village Bazaar. We will be organizing and categorizing items in the next few weeks. Our "wish list" for basket items include new candles, Christmas ornaments, kitchen towels, trinkets and bath/body items. Thanks for your continued support! Diane Newman-Goins & Tricia Smith-Disu.

5. The first Food for the Soul event for the 2026-2027 season will be Saturday, October 17th. We will also be participating in the No More Hunger Walk that same morning. Please contact Jill Rowe if interested at rowejill96@gmail.com. She will also be passing around a sign-up sheet.

Birthdays

13th Leslee Mills

14th Rev. Yohan Go

16th Connor Edward Heller

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Domenic Ruscio Sr. and Domenic Ruscio Jr., husband and son, remembering their birthdays, by Linda Ruscio and family.