

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 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude “Trust and Obey” Hanna Noh

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Preparation "He Is Lord" UMH 177

Opening to God

Loving God, Eternal Presence, you surround us with your Being.

Faithful One, you enfold us in your love.

Tender One, you dwell within us with healing and beauty.

We thank you. We praise you. We worship you.

We open our hearts to your presence,

that we may become more deeply present for you.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit of Love, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Gracious God,

thank you for bringing us together as your people.

Shape our hearts to be more like Christ,

humble, loving, and willing to care for one another.

Help us not to seek our own way,

but to notice those around us and serve with joy.

Work in us today, both to will and to work for your good purpose.

May our worship bring us closer to you and closer to one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" (v. 1, 3) UMH 98

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Philippians 2:1-13

Choir Anthem "God's Grace Is So Amazing"

Sermon Rev. Myung Park

WE RESPOND

Joys and Concerns

Hymn "Alleluia" UMH 186

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering "I Surrender All" 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

Gracious God, you have given us so much through Christ: your love, your grace, and the gift of one another. Receive now these gifts we bring, and use them to serve your people and share your love with the world. Teach us to live with the humility and compassion of Christ, caring not only for ourselves but also for others. May all that we give and all that we do reflect your love at work within us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" (v. 1, 2, 4) UMH 438

Benediction

Postlude "He Is Exalted" Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. **SAVE THE DATE:** The Annual Church Conference for the Riverside Cooperative Parish, which Asbury UMC is part of, will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 10am at Haven United Methodist Church.
2. The worship leader for Sunday, October 4th is Dixon Disu.
3. 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.
4. The Chancel Guild Meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 PM.
5. Please take home the flyer found next to you in your pew, pass them out to a friend or drop it off at a business. October 11th will be our next bazaar meeting. We'd love to have you come and see what it's all about - I'm certain you can help in some way, if you'd like. Right now we are looking for new or like new items to be donated for all of our shops. Please have them clean and turned in to the church by October 21st and please put your name on it so we know who to contact if there are questions. These can include anything from quality purses, jewelry, toys, themed basket items, etc we would also love any craft items that you've made and we are looking for someone to make jam/jelly, cookies, baked goods, soup or any other item you think would be a hit! November 1st is the deadline for letting our Cafe (Evelyn) and baked goods table (Donna/Deb Bush) know if you are planning on baking/cooking something. Last year we were only a couple hundred dollars away from our \$10,000 target! I'm sure we can bust through that goal this year!
6. **Pastor Myung** would love to spend some time with the Asbury family this fall and get to know you better! She is available at several times on most Tuesdays after 11:00 a.m. If Tuesdays don't work for you, please reach out to Myung. She would be happy to find another day and time that works for you. You can choose wherever you feel most comfortable meeting: at a coffee shop, at the church office, at your home, on zoom, or even while taking a walk together at a park, walking the dog (I'd love to meet your furry friend, too!), or around the neighborhood. Come on your own, or feel free to bring a family member, neighbor, or friend. Myung would simply love the opportunity to listen, share, and get to know you better. Please use a sign-up sheet at the Coffee Hour Room to schedule a meeting.
7. **Blessing of the Animals:** Join us for a joyful afternoon on Saturday, October 10th, at 1:30pm on the front lawn of Asbury United Methodist Church as we celebrate the special bond we share with our animal companions. Bring your beloved pets—dogs, cats, hamsters, lizards, rats, snakes—all of God's creatures are welcome! Each animal will receive an individual blessing during the service. If your pet is shy or prefers to stay home, feel free to bring a photo instead. We'll also have a Memorial Table where you can honor and remember pets who have passed. This event is open to all—people of all faiths and walks of life are invited!

Birthdays

There are no birthdays this week

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matilda Streusl by her loving family.