

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 17, 2026**

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude - Ethan Park**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparation Hymn - UMH 657 This Is the Day vs. 1**

**Threshold Moment**

**Leader:** We gather today at the threshold of a new season, leaving behind what was and looking toward what will be.

**People:** We bring our history, our memories, and our hearts, ready to see where the Spirit leads.

**Leader:** The Holy One calls us by name, reminding us that we are never alone in the transitions of life.

**People:** In the deep waters and through the refining fires, we are held by an everlasting love.

**Leader:** Let us release the shadows of the past to embrace the light of a new beginning.

**People:** We open our eyes to the paths being cleared and the streams beginning to flow in our midst.

**All:** Let us worship the Source of all Life, who is even now doing a new thing among us! Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of the journey,

Thank You for knowing us by name and keeping us close.

In this season of change, help us look forward instead of backward,  
so we don't miss the "new thing" You are starting right now.

As we navigate this transition, knit us together as a family  
and show us the paths You are clearing for our future.

Give us the faith to step courageously onto the path You have opened.

Amen.

**Opening Hymn UMH 405 Seek Ye First**

**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.*

**WE PROCLAIM** Isaiah 43: 1-7, 15-19

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be  
with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not  
overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be  
burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight  
and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the  
earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

<sup>15</sup> I am the Lord, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;

they lie down; they cannot rise;  
they are extinguished, quenched like a  
wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

**Choir Anthem - Here I Am, Lord**

**Sermon** "God is about to do a new thing" Rev. Yohan Go

**WE RESPOND**

**Hymn:** (UMH 186 Alleluia) Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Yohan Go

### **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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Baptism:** Gemma Marie DeJesus / Jaxson Ziggy Stern  
**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant:** Derek Stern

### **Offering/Offertory**

*Doxology*  
*[Tune: Old 100th]*

**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**      Rev. Yohan Go

**Closing Hymn**      UMH 338 Where He Leads Me

**Sending Forth**      **Rev. Yohan Go**

**Postlude** - Ethan Park

### **Announcements**

1. The 2026 Bishop's Regional Meeting will be held today from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Arnold Mills UMC, 690 Nate Whipple Hwy, Cumberland, RI.
2. Congratulations to Gemma Marie DeJesus and Jaxson Ziggy Stern on their baptisms, and to Derek Stern on the reaffirmation of his baptismal covenant.
3. The Joyful Noise Music Concert will be held on May 31 at 3:00 p.m. at the church. Please share this news with your friends and neighbors!
4. The worship leader for Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is Jan Jones.
5. **Farewell Dinner - Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Asbury United Methodist Church, 143 Ann Mary Brown Dr., Warwick, RI, 02888. Please contact Debbie Rose for potluck dinner details**
  - Please consider some known food allergies - gluten, egg
  - Vegetarian options are encouraged

**Please see Diane Newman-Goins for gift donations. “Make checks payable to Asbury UMC and put pastor’s farewell gift on the memo line”.**

**Birthdays**

19<sup>th</sup> Lisa Keene

20<sup>th</sup> Chuck Main

22<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Rowell

23<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Alexander

**Flowers**      The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in memory of Walter and Marie Senecal by their daughter Evelyn Jacobson and Family.