

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit

“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”

Fifth SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

WE GATHER

Prelude: Where He Leads Me, When We Walk with the Lord - Sugie Jung

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn: UMH 407 – Close to Thee vs. 1

Threshold Moment

Leader: Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.

OPENING PRAYER

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. You put new words in

our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power. Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy.

We now know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did. His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love.

We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adapted from Moira Laidlaw, posted on her Liturgies Online website.

Opening Hymn: UMH 400 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 Psalm 100, 1 Peter 4:8-11

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Choir Anthem: The Gift of Love

Sermon “Serve Joyfully” Rev. Yohan Go

WE RESPOND

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

For the Beauty of the Earth: A Sung Communion Liturgy
Tune: DIX, 77.77.77 ("For the Beauty of the Earth," UMH 92)

Gather, friends, from far and near
Gather, friends - you are welcome
Come to the table, join the meal
God invites us, every one.

Sing together, voices raise to our God this song of praise.

Lift your hearts up to the Lord!

God, we lift our hearts to you.

Give to God your thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks.

Sing together, voices raise to our God this song of praise.

God, you made us out of love,
Each one different, yet like you
We're one people, all the earth
Many nations, many-hued

Sing together, everyone! Tell the world what God has done!

Though we are one, we've built up walls,
Nurtured fears and pain and strife,
In our anger, turned away
From the gift of God-breathed life.

Holy God, we turn to you. We repent and start anew.

So you sent your holy child,
Come to share your reign on earth
Breaking all our barriers down
Teaching us our sacred worth

Jesus Christ, God's gift of grace! At the meal we take our place.

Jesus shared a meal with friends
Took and blessed and shared the bread
"This, my life, I give to you
Remember when you eat again"

We remember, we give thanks, for the meal of love and grace.

Jesus took a cup of wine
Shared with friends fruit of the vine
“In this cup forgiveness find,
Gift of mercy, gift divine.
We remember, we give thanks, for the meal of love and grace.

Pour on us your Holy Breath.
Pour your Spirit on these gifts.
Make them into Christ for us.
Make us Christ for the whole world.
God of all, to you we raise this our song of grateful praise.

Offering/Offertory: How Great is Our God with Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

Joyful Giver of Every Good Gift, you call us to serve with glad hearts, to offer what we have with joy, and to love one another deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Receive these gifts as acts of praise. Use them to build up the body, to speak your truth with grace, and to serve others with strength not our own. Let us give not out of duty but as joyful stewards of your manifold grace, that in all things, through Christ, you may be glorified. In the name of the one who serves with us, Amen.

Closing Hymn: UMH 462 – Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Sending Forth **Rev. Yohan Go**

May the joy of God surround you and sustain you,
flowing through you into joyful service as you boldly
share the love of God with all creation. Amen.

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Postlude: Truehearted, Wholehearted - Sugie Jung

Announcements

1. Haven UMC music concert is this afternoon at 3 p.m.
2. The worship leader for Sunday, May 10th is Patricia Smith-Disu
3. The deadline for ordering Memorial Day plants is May 13th.

4. Farewell Dinner - Sunday, June 14th 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 donation

Birthdays

4th Benjamin McGovern

6th Penny Rowan

8th Lee Arnold & Ginny Peterson

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip Dorsey and Richard LaDuke, their fathers, by Kerri, David, and Samantha Dorsey.

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