

Asbury United Methodist Church

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“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

WE GATHER

Prelude “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Hanna Noh

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn UMH 405 – Seek Ye First

Threshold Moment

Leader: The risen Christ comes among us still, speaking peace to troubled hearts and calling us into the light of new life.

People: We come with joy, with wonder, and with hope.

Leader: Once we walked in shadow, but God has called us out of darkness into marvelous light.

People: We come to dwell in that light together.

Leader: Christ has named us salt of the earth and light of the world.

People: May our lives shine with love, mercy, and grace.

Leader: Rooted in prayer, we are grounded in the life of God.

People: Sent in love, we are called to bless the world.

Leader: We gather not only to receive,
but to be renewed— not only to be comforted, but to be awakened and sent.

People: Let the light of Christ rise within us and shine through us.

Leader: So come, people of Easter. Come and worship the living Christ, who meets us here and sends us forth in love.

People: We come to worship with glad hearts, and to let our light shine before all.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn UMH 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee vs. 1 & 3

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 Philippians 1:3-6

"3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete[c] it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Choir Anthem "This Little Light of Mine"

Sermon

"The One Who Completes the Work"

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.

Offertory – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 374 Standing on the Promises vs. 1 & 4**

Sending Forth **Rev. Yohan Go**

Postlude “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, April 19th is Barbara Bishop
2. The Church Council meeting for 4/22 will be held in person in the library at 7:00.

Birthdays

- 14th Paul Anderson
15th Andrew Hallam
 Rev. Elisabeth Smith
16th Trevor Weigner
17th Carl Bishop Jr.

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Dickinson, beloved sister on her Birthday, by Lee Williams and Dianne Pratt.