

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit

Pentecost Sunday

**May 26, 2024**

**Gathering Song**      “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”      Hanna Noh

## Greeting

### Asbury Mission Statement

We are Asbury! Abundantly thankful to God; Saved by Christ’s resurrection; Blessed by God; United by Christ’s love for each of us; Reaching out to our church family and our community; Yearning to tell the Good News to all by being Christ’s voice, hands, and feet in the world.

## Announcements

### Memorial Day Video and prayer

**Centering hymn**      “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (TFWS 2158) vs. 1

### Call to Worship

L: God, sometimes we show up to worship ready to encounter your presence.

**P: We know you are always with us.**

L: Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

**P: We know you are always with us.**

L: But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

**P: And yet, we know you are always with us in the fullness of your glory.**

L: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory, your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

**P: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.*

**Opening Hymn:**      “Come, Thou Almighty King” (UMH 61) vs. 1,4

### \* Sharing Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us

*Exodus 2:11-22*

11 One day after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 He looked this way and that, and

seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting, and he said to the one who was in the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?" 14 He answered, "Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "Surely the thing is known." 15 When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. So Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian and sat down by a well. 16 The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses got up and came to their defense and watered their flock. 18 When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come back so soon today?" 19 They said, "An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock." 20 He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to share a meal." 21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage. 22 She bore a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, "I have been an alien residing in a foreign land."

**Choir** "Fanfare and Concertato Holy Holy Holy"

### **Scripture Reading:**

*Exodus 3:1-12*

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb,[a] the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

### **Songs of Illumination**

UMH#454 Open My Eyes, That I May See vs1

Open my eyes that I may see / glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Sermon:**      *A Journey to Discover Oneself*      *Rev. Yohan Go*

**Response Song:**      “Here I am, Lord” (UMH 593) vs. 1

### **Joys and Concerns**

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

**Pastoral prayer**                      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.

### **Offering Invitation**

**Interlude**      “Amazing Grace”      Hanna Noh

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know, Praise Spirit  
through whom our hearts grow, Praise Three-in-One, from here below.

**Offering prayer** Rev. Yohan Go

\* **Closing hymns:**      “Since Jesus Came into My Heart” (TFWS 2140) vs. 1,3,5

**Benediction**                      Rev. Yohan Go

\* **Prayer for peace through hymn UMH #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**Postlude**      “God Bless America”      Hanna Noh

### **Announcements**

1. The Memorial Day geraniums will be available after church on May 26<sup>th</sup>, if you ordered them. Please come to the chancel area in an orderly fashion, and chancel members will be there to help you. Thank you for supporting chancel guild!
2. Gaspee day is approaching and Andrea Dunn is looking for helpers on Sat June 8 from 830a-1pm. Basically to sit and direct people to restroom or tell cars where to park. Need 2-3 people who are willing to help in 1-2 hour (or more) increments. Looking to sell

water and a few snacks. If any kids want to sell lemonade, that works too! CONTACT ANDREA 401-207-8017 if interested.

3. Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Worship Leader is Dixon Disu.
4. June 9<sup>th</sup> is Education Sunday. We will celebrate achievements of all students.
5. Father's Day is Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Kerri and Samantha Dorsey will be collecting names of the special man in your lives **from now until June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Each name costs \$1.00. Please mark anyone who is deceased with an asterisk \*.
6. Asbury UMC will meet with Bishop Peggy Johnson on May 30 at 7 P.M. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join this conversational meeting. Bishop Johnson will share her stories, and we will have a time for Q&A.

### **Birthdays**

May 26<sup>th</sup> Deb Rose

May 28<sup>th</sup> Cindy Ford & Kurt Hanke

June 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Hanke & Norma Secor