

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Carl Bishop

Chancel: Barbara Bishop

* Please rise in body or in spirit

Laity Sunday and Pledge Sunday

October 20, 2024

Prelude “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” Hanna Noh

Greeting Carl Bishop, Jr.

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

*Call to Worship

L: We are called to be witnesses who bring life to light.

C: We know the Spirit guards for safe keeping every life entrusted to God.

L: We listen for the altar call of grace at every address.

C: We know grace is a prayer for help answered.

L: In all that we do, we are growing together in God’s grace, ever at work for the life of the world.

All: We thank God that the same Savior who accompanies us leads us to bear witness to grace at work in others.

***Opening Hymn** # 158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Confession (seated)

Leader:

We have sinned against you and one another, Lord.

We have not lived worshipfully.

All:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our confession.*

Silence

Leader: We have not loved you wholly.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not lived worshipfully.

All: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our confession.*

Silence

Leader: We have not denied ourselves and taken up our own cross daily.
We have not lived worshipfully.

All: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our confession.*

Silence

Leader: We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you.
We have not lived worshipfully.

All: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our confession.*

Silence

Leader: We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives.
We have not lived worshipfully.

All: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our confession.*

Silence

Leader: The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

All: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

Choir Anthem under the direction of Hanna Noh

Scripture Lesson Luke 5:1-11 and 2 Timothy 1:14

Luke 5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "*Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.*"^x

5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "*Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.*" 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

2 Timothy 1:14 Guard the truth of the good news that you were trusted with. Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Song of Illumination #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 "Gone Fishing...with Faith" Tim Webb

***Hymn** #385 Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

Joys and Concerns Dr. Lee Arnold

Pastoral Prayer Kerri Dorsey, Lay Leader

Lord's Prayer Kerri Dorsey, Lay Leader

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.

Invitation to Offering and Presentation of Pledges Tim Webb

Offering Interlude Special Music by Alice Pace

***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** Tim Webb

***Hymn** #128 “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” v. 1, 2, 3

***Sending Forth** Tim Webb

***Prayer for Peace through Hymn #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

Postlude “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. Sign up to help Asbury with our bazaar on Nov. 2. Contact Andrea Dunn for more information. 401-207- 8017 email: dunnansmed@hotmail.com
2. The worship leader for next Sunday, October 27^h is Jan Jones.
3. Please mark your calendars for Bazaar bread baking October 23-26, Wednesday through Saturday. Thank you, Barbara Bishop – 787-7518.
4. Basket Boutique Seeks Donations. Small, unused items as well as baskets and containers (medium sized preferred) are in high demand. “Hostess” type gifts, cooking and sweet treats remain popular each year.
5. Our Jewelry table is seeking jewelry donations for our November 2nd bazaar. For questions or pick-up call Joyce Moore at 401-737-6311 or the office at 401-467-5122.
6. The church conference will be held on Saturday, November 9, at 11 a.m. at Zion KUMC. It will be a joint church conference with Asbury UMC, Zion KUMC, and Cornerstone of Faith UMC.

Birthdays

20th Diane Kelley

21st Linda Reynolds

Flowers *The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Cole.*