

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*“The Truth Will Set You Free”*

## WE GATHER

**Prelude** “As the Deer” Hanna Noh

## Welcome and Announcements

**Preparation Hymn** “I Love You, Lord (TFWS 2068)

### Threshold Moment

Leader: Through every season of life—through changes, challenges, and joys—God is faithful.

**People: We lift our eyes to the hills; our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: When life happens—when days are uncertain, and the path ahead is unclear—  
we trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding.

**People: In all our ways, we will acknowledge God, and God will make our paths straight.**

Leader: When we are hurting, we will pray. When we are joyful, we will sing songs of praise.  
When we are weary, we will lift one another in love and prayer.

**People: Together, as God’s people, we walk by faith, serve with love, and live with hope.**

Leader: Come, beloved community— let us worship the One who walks with us through all of life’s  
journeys.

**All: Thanks be to God, who is with us—yesterday, today, and always!**

### Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

Gracious and faithful God,  
you have walked with us through every season of life—  
in moments of joy and in times of change,  
in laughter and in tears,  
in the ordinary and the unexpected.  
Teach us again to trust in you with all our hearts  
and to lean not on our own understanding.  
Lift our eyes toward you,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
our constant help and our steady guide.  
As we worship today,  
renew our spirits, strengthen our faith,  
and fill us with the compassion to pray for one another,

to serve with love,  
and to walk together on the path you set before us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn/Song**  
**UMH 526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus vs 1,2,3**

**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].*

**Choir Anthem** “*Here I Am, Lord*”

**WE PROCLAIM**  
**Proverbs 3:5-6 / Psalm 121 / James 5:13-16**

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Psalm 121**

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
2 My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
4 He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
5 The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
6 The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.  
7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
8 The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be

forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

**Songs of Illumination** UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See  
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!

**“Life Happen”** Joan White

## **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.

#### **Offering/Offertory “Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

*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/Song UMH 467 Trust and Obey 1, 2, 4**

#### **Sending Forth**

Go forth trusting in the Lord with all your heart.  
Lift your eyes to the One who keeps you in every season.  
When life brings joy, give thanks.  
When life brings sorrow, pray.  
In all things, walk together in love,  
for God goes before you and walks beside you.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**Postlude “Because He Lives” Hanna Noh**

## **Announcements**

1. Church Directory Update: Please update your address in the narthex if it has changed.
2. Laity Sunday will be observed today. On this day, we will celebrate the ministry, witness, and leadership of laypersons. Joan White will share the message and there will be coffee hour afterward.
3. The worship leader for next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is Jan Jones.
4. To honor those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, we'd like to designate Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> as Asbury Breast Cancer Day. Please try to wear something pink.
5. From now on before saying your joys or prayer concerns on Sunday mornings, please say your name first so more people become familiar with who everyone is. Thank you!
6. Written by Steve Goins sister, Valerie Whitfield and submitted by Karen Morgan (another sister). "A donation to Asbury UMC RI has been made in honor and memory of Steven A. Goins by his Mother, Siblings, and Brothers-in-Law. Our family deeply appreciates the outpouring of love and support from the Pastor, Choir Members and Congregants for Steve and his immediate and extended family and friends."
7. The date for our annual Charge Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. here at Asbury UMC. Reports are due in the office by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Birthdays**

20<sup>th</sup> Diane Kelley

**Flowers**      The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara and Warren Cole by Stacy Morse & family.