Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Text to be said in unison.

"***A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love***"

10:30am, Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "It Is Well with My Soul" Hanna Noh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** **"**For All the Saints" (v. 1, 2, 4) UMH 711

CALL TO WORSHIP
We gather surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
those who walked this path before us and now rest in eternal love.
We remember the saints whose names are known to many,
and the saints whose names are carried in our hearts alone.
Grandparents and teachers, friends and neighbors, quiet souls who showed us the way:
their wisdom and kindness still echo within us.
Those we love are no longer beside us, yet they are not gone from us.
Their light lives on in us, and we are held together in a love that has no end.
So let us join our voices with all the saints of every time and place.
Let us open our hearts and worship together!

TAIZE SONG AND BREATH PRAYER "Come and Fill Our Hearts" TFWS 2157

Hymn: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia.

Breathe In: Eternal love

Breathe Out: Fill our hearts with peace.

POEM & LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY Jan Jones & Becky Arnold

"Poem: The Space you Left Behind"

On this day we pause to remember,
and to give thanks for lives that touched our own.

We remember those who sat among us, who sang with us, prayed with us, and shared our tables.
Their presence shaped this community, and their love remains woven into who we are.

We come with gratitude, and we come with grief.
Both our thanks and our tears are welcome here.

Let us now speak the names of the saints whose lives we honor today.

(For each person, a reader speaks the name, and a member of the congregation shares a few words of remembrance. A bell is rung after each and a moment of silence is kept.)

We remember

Patricia Jennings (Mother of Jill Jennings Rowe)

Richard Nicholson (Brother of Ginny Peterson)

Lois Leveille Wills (Former Asbury member and friend)

Robert Spelman Sr. (Father of John Michael Spelman)

Pastor Johnell Norton Jr. (Loving Asbury member, leader, and friend)

Kathryn Francis Plencner (Amanda Wylly's grandmother)

For the gift of this life,
we give thanks. Their light lives on in us.

We also hold in our hearts those we love who have not been named family and friends, mentors and companions, all who have shaped us along the way.

Now, while singing "**Shall We Gather at the River"** (UMH 723), you are invited to honor those who have gone before us into God's eternal presence. You're invited to come forward to light a candle in their memory.

(After all candles are lit) They have finished their course and now rest from their labors.
In life and in death we belong to God, and in God we are one with all the saints.

May the same Spirit that dwelt in them now dwell in us, kindling in our hearts the faith, hope, and love they knew.
May their lives continue to shine through ours.
And may God's love, which carried them, carry us too, until all are gathered home.
Amen

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:29-34, 12:1-2

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION "Amazing Grace Eternal Life" Asbury Choir

MESSAGE Rev. Myung Eun Park

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OUR GIFTS "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION
God is in this place.
And in our hearts.
Open yourself to God of eternity.
We feel the breath of the Spirit.
Remember God made flesh.
Jesus, who taught us a new way.

Tender, transforming God,
you have invited us to gather at this table,
To taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.
Time and time again you've offered your grace,
Even as we have stepped away,
You continue to call us to be your people.
You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.
We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
With those who have gone before us,
Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.
(...continued by the officiant....)

God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.
As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
make us one with the saints,
and with our siblings in faith around the world.
Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
Help us
To know you,
To be guided by the Holy Spirit,
And to live Christ.
Now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(In the words most familiar to you.)

CALL TO THE FEAST
This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.

HYMN OF INVITATION **"**Come to the Table of Grace" W&S 3168

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*** HYMN OF SENDING FORTH** "I'll Fly Away" (v. 1 & 3) TFWS 2282

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again " Hanna Noh

*Holy Communion for All Saints' Day was written by the Rev. Scott A. Ressman, Pastor of the United Church of Rockville Centre, Rockville Center, New York.

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, November 8th is Patricia Smith-Disu.
2. Come celebrate our Special Guests, Dr. Omega Edwards, wife Julie, and daughter Francie! The Edwards family will be visiting Asbury on November 8th. They attended Asbury several years ago and are now missionaries in Tanzania. Omega runs a medical clinic. Julie is a teacher. They have emersed themselves in the community, making life so much better for the residents. They will share their experiences with us. Welcome back, Julie & Omega!
3. Community Music Project is launching its first concert series with In All Things, Thanksgiving: Music for a Season of Plenty, a Stella Maris Recital featuring talented musicians. **Join us today, November 1, at 3:00 PM** at Haven United Methodist Church for an afternoon of beautiful music and thanksgiving. Admission is free, and donations are gratefully accepted. All are welcome! Haven UMC, 200 Taunton Ave., E. Providence, RI 02914. 401-438-4911.
4. Our annual Christmas Village Bazaar is on Saturday, November 7th from 9 AM -2 PM.
5. It's that time of year to order your Poinsettia's. Orders will need to be in by December 1st.

Birthdays

1st Emily Gilman LaCroix

2nd Peter Anderson & Don Rowell

3rd Jane Leboeuf, Lee Mills, Rory Martin-Hagemeyer, & Grace Noh Capacho

4th Debbie Bush

5th Addison Quattrocchi

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Gwen Weigner by their loving family.