

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”

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude “My Jesus I Love Thee” Gina Kim

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn UMH 57 – “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1,2

Opening to God

God of love, we come not by our initiative but by your invitation.

Together we worship, together we grow.

Loving Christ, in your grace you gather us into your Body.

Together we worship, together we grow.

Holy Spirit, you make us one with you, one with Christ,
and one in ministry to the world.

Together we worship, together we grow.

Together we praise you in harmony. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of grace, you have given us the gift of community. Bless us with humility, that we may receive the gifts of community. Bless us with open hearts, that we may receive your gifts through one another, and through your Word. By the grace of Christ’s presence with us, may we hear, and may we live, your Good News. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** UMH 131 – “We Gather Together” vs. 1

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Scripture Romans 13:8-14

Sermon Rev. Myung Park

WE RESPOND

Joys and Concerns

Hymn "Alleluia" UMH 186

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering UMH 154 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” vs. 1,2&3

***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 with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

God, we give you thanks, for you create this world
as one living being, a community of life and beauty.

You set us free from what imprisons us.

You make us a community, siblings in your care,
neighbors in your realm of mercy.

**You give us freedom, and invite us to this table as one,
a community of love, all redeemed by your grace.**

Therefore with one voice with all Creation we sing your praise.

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ.
He loved and taught, he healed the broken and lifted up the lowly.
He confronted our divisions and gathered the outcast;
he created a community of freedom and love.
**Even when we fell into conflict, even when we failed him,
he gathered us as a family, and invited us to eat together.**
He gave us this meal as a sign of your faithfulness and our unity,
as a sign that whenever we gather he is here among us.

[...The Blessing and Covenant...]

Therefore in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ.
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy sacrifice
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Beloved Jesus Christ.
**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,
listening with grace, forgiving with love,
and working for healing and reconciliation.**
We are one with each other, one with you,
and one in ministry to all the world.
**May we truly love one another as you have loved us,
and love our neighbor as ourselves,
by the grace of the Beloved, Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***Closing Hymn** UMH 133 – “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” vs. 1

Benediction

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Gina Kim

Worship Notes: Opening to God and Opening Prayer are written by Rev. Steve Garnaas Holmes, unfoldinglight.net.

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, September 13 is Alice Pace.
2. Save the Date! Our annual Rally Day when we return from our relaxed summer schedules and get back to regular routines will be Sunday, September 13, 2026.
Join us for a special worship service as we welcome back everyone - recommit to worshipping together, start the 2026-2027 Sunday School schedule, offer Nursery time again and enjoy the melodious members of our Asbury choir once again!
3. If anyone is interested in helping with bread baking, the bazaar this year is November 7th, which means the bread baking will take place on October 28, 29, 30, 31. Wednesday through Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the coffee room late September. Thank you, Barbara Bishop.
4. It's almost that time of year! Basket Boutique is looking for donations of baskets – mostly medium sizes for the Basket Boutique table at our annual Asbury Christmas Village Bazaar. We will be organizing and categorizing items in the next few weeks. Our “wish list” for basket items include new candles, Christmas ornaments, kitchen towels, trinkets and bath/body items. Thanks for your continued support! Diane Newman-Goins & Tricia Smith-Disu.

Birthdays

- 7th Andy Lucini
9th Jason Taylor
12th Justin Dorsey

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Annie Kinnes, grandparents, by Carolyn Whitney and Marion Lightsey, and their families.