

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Carl Bishop Jr.

Chancel: Danika Hallam

* 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, October 18, 2026

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude “This Is My Father’s World”

Hanna Noh

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Preparation "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

Opening to God

Eternal God, giver of life, you are our Creator; we are your creatures.

We come from you. We belong to you. We bear your image. Alleluia!

Loving Christ, sharer of life, you are our companion; we are your lovers.

You accompany us. You heal and forgive us. You lead us. Alleluia!

Holy Spirit, power of life, you are our breath; we are your vessels.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, sweep us way in your love, drown us in your grace,
and birth us anew in the waters of your womb.**

Spirit of death and resurrection, baptize us in your life-giving grace. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Creator God, we come from you, spoken into being by your Word, made in your image. Speak to us now; re-shape us again by your Word of love, as a potter re-shaping a vessel. We belong to you.

Make us as you desire, and use us as you wish. We pray in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We invite you to pass the peace, greeting those around you and those at home via the cameras.

WE PROCLAIM

Preparation for Hearing Scripture

Loving God,
by the mystery of your grace
we are stamped with the image of your love.
Let your image shine in us now;
be our worth and our beauty.
Let us hear your love in us
speak your word. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 22:15-22

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem "We Will Keep Our Faith Alive" Asbury Choir

Sermon Rev. Myung Park

WE RESPOND

Joys and Concerns

Hymn "Alleluia" UMH 186

Prayers of the People

Offering "I Love You Lord" Hanna Noh

***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

Gracious God, we give you our gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. In our giving may we empty ourselves and be your humble servants. Send us into the world: awake, attentive, and present, to embody your grace, and to do justice in your name, so that in our generosity, mercy and justice others may see your presence and rejoice. Amen

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn "Here I Am, Lord " (v. 1, 2) UMH 593

Benediction

Postlude "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, October 25th is Lee Arnold.
2. SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Church Conference for the Riverside Cooperative Parish, which Asbury UMC is part of, will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 10am at Barrington UMC, 230 Washington Rd., Barrington, RI 02806, 401-245-2385.
3. **To all the church committees, please complete the necessary forms for our upcoming church conference. Upload them on the website or bring them to the office when they are completed.**
4. Right now we are looking for new or like new items to be donated for all of our shops. Please have them clean, and put your name on it so we know who to contact if there are questions. Donations will need to be turned into the church by October 21st. Themed baskets, craft items, ornaments, and baked goods are always a good seller. November 1st is the deadline for letting the Café and baked goods table know if you are planning on baking/cooking something.
5. **Treasured Memories-** We are looking for gently -used pocketbooks, tote bags and wallets. Also we will take higher-end decorations, knick knacks, kitchen items, linens, and collectibles (except for plates that hang on the wall collectibles) Any questions, call Deb Rose at 808-6829.
6. Anyone 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.
7. Our Holiday Bazaar is just around the corner, and the jewelry ladies have been busy sorting, cleaning, repairing and price tagging all the wonderful jewelry donations. We appreciate every item donated! Please call me for a pickup or you may leave jewelry donations in the church office by October 21, 2026, so that they can be in "sparkling" condition for presentation at our Bazaar. Thank you, Beth Bradbury- 401-480-0519.

Birthdays

18th Amanda Wylly

20th Diane Kelley

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara & Warren Cole by their Asbury friends, with love.