

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Dixon Disu

* Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Text to be said in unison.

“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Prelude “Be Thou My Vision” Gina Kim

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn "UMH 89 – Joyful, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" vs. 1

Opening to God

Leader: Creator God, you have made us in your image.

All: **Your living image in us speaks back to you with praise and longing.**

You have rescued us from slavery and set us free.

In our freedom and gratitude we turn to you.

Christ, you offer God’s presence; you open a way to God.

And so we draw near. We bring ourselves into your Presence.

Holy Spirit, you live in us. You breathe in us. You worship in us.

Alleluia! Holy Spirit by your power alone we worship!

Stir up your wonder, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of love, we follow Jesus, and yet we are not always sure who he is. Open our hearts to listen and come to know him more deeply, to know his presence and be known, and so to draw nearer to you. By your grace we listen for your Living Word. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "UMH 158 – Come, Christians, Join to Sing" vs. 1 & 2

***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 12:1-8

Sermon Rev. Myung Park

WE RESPOND

Joys and Concerns

Hymn "Alleluia" UMH 186

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering "UMH 327 – "Crown Him with Many Crowns vs. 1, 2 & 3 (Congregation to sing)

***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 (in unison)

We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to you, O God, we pray that others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "UMH 577 – God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1

Benediction

Postlude "Rejoice, the Lord is King" 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, August 30th is Kerri Dorsey.
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.

Birthdays

20th Alex Lucini

26th April Rowe

27th Jayson Williams