

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit

*“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 19, 2026**

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude “It Is Well With My Soul” Hanna Noh**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Preparation Hymn: TFWS 2025 – As the Deer**

**Threshold Moment**

**Leader:** Come, let us gather before the God who has been our help.

**People:** Thus far the Lord has helped us.

**Leader:** When we look back, we see signs of mercy along the way.

**People:** God has been faithful in every season.

**Leader:** When we stand in the present, we do not stand alone.

**People:** The same God who guided us still leads us now.

**Leader:** When the future is not yet clear, we lift our hearts in trust.

**People:** We will remember God’s goodness and walk forward in faith.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the One who gives peace, restores hope, and calls us on.

**People:** With gratitude for all God has done, we worship the Lord.

**Unison Prayer**

God of help and hope,

we gather this morning remembering that you have carried us this far.

In every season, your mercy has held us, your wisdom has guided us, and your love has not failed us.

Keep us grateful for all that has been, faithful in this present moment, and trusting in all that is yet to come.

Open our hearts in worship, steady our minds with your peace, and lead us in your way.  
We offer you our praise and place our trust in you.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: UMH 156 – I Love to Tell the Story vs. 1 & 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.*

**WE PROCLAIM** 1 Samuel 7:12-17

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah and named it Ebenezer, for he said, “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” 13 So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel; the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14 The towns that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath, and Israel recovered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites.

15 Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16 He went on a circuit year by year to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all these places. 17 Then he would come back to Ramah, for his home was there; he administered justice there to Israel and built there an altar to the Lord.

**Choir Anthem: Blessed Assurance**

**Sermon** “Ebenezer: Remembering the Past, Trusting the Future”. Rev. Yohan Go

**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 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**

*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: UMH569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations vs. 1 & 3**

**Sending Forth**      **Rev. Yohan Go**

**Postlude: Because He Lives Hanna Noh**

**Announcements**

1. The worship leader for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is Dixon Disu.
2. Asbury's Church Council meeting on 4/22 will be held in person, in the library at 7PM.

**Birthdays**

20<sup>th</sup>    Kim Curry & Maryanne Donohue

21<sup>st</sup>    Johnell Norton, Nicholas Travassos, Luka Ruscio

22<sup>nd</sup>    Marilyn Blanche

23<sup>rd</sup>    Alexandra Francis, Rebecca Sanderson, Chad Whitney, Lincoln LaCroix

24<sup>th</sup>    Celeste Leal

25<sup>th</sup>    Kelly Francis

**Flowers**      The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Whipple Spear, Wife of Asbury's First Pastor, and her granddaughters Muriel Stoltey and Marilyn McNab by Becky and Lee Arnold.