

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit

“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”

February 8, 2026

WE GATHER

Prelude “This Is My Father’s World” Hanna Noh

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn TFWS # 2152 Change My Heart, O God

Threshold Moment

Leader: Come, you who are weary of trying to “prove” faith.

People: We come to remember that the gospel is not a sales pitch—it is a life.

Leader: We are called to be salt that preserves hope,

People: And light that refuses to hide.

Leader: God, form us into a community where kindness is practiced, forgiveness is real, and justice is loved.

People: So that our life together points beyond us—to God.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

People: Come, let us shine.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

God of light and life,
we come not to perform or to prove ourselves, but to worship You together.
Jesus, You call us the salt of the earth and the light of the world—

so make us what You name us to be.
Restore our faithfulness when we grow bland,
and lift our light when we hide it in fear or fatigue.
Save us from treating the gospel like a program.
Shape us into a community whose life points to You—
where mercy is practiced, forgiveness is real, and love is visible—
so others may see and give glory to God.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Opening Hymn UMH # 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty
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.*

Choir Anthem “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

WE PROCLAIM Matthew 5:13-16

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Sermon “The best evangelism is being the church” 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,

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Beatrice Corey, their grandparents, by Carolyn Whitney and Marion Lightsey.

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our friends Warren and Barbara Cole.

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 “Seek Ye First”

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

Communion

For the Beauty of the Earth: A Sung Communion Liturgy for World Communion Sunday

Tune: DIX, 77.77.77 (“For the Beauty of the Earth,” UMH 92)

Gather, friends, from far and near
Gather, friends - you are welcome
Come to the table, join the meal
God invites us, every one.

Sing together, voices raise to our God this song of praise.

Lift your hearts up to the Lord!

God, we lift our hearts to you.

Give to God your thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks.

Sing together, voices raise to our God this song of praise.

God, you made us out of love,
Each one different, yet like you
We’re one people, all the earth
Many nations, many-hued

Sing together, everyone! Tell the world what God has done!

Though we are one, we’ve built up walls,
Nurtured fears and pain and strife,
In our anger, turned away
From the gift of God-breathed life.

Holy God, we turn to you. We repent and start anew.

So you sent your holy child,
Come to share your reign on earth
Breaking all our barriers down
Teaching us our sacred worth

Jesus Christ, God’s gift of grace! At the meal we take our place.

Jesus shared a meal with friends
Took and blessed and shared the bread
“This, my life, I give to you
Remember when you eat again”

We remember, we give thanks, for the meal of love and grace.

Jesus took a cup of wine
Shared with friends fruit of the vine
“In this cup forgiveness find,
Gift of mercy, gift divine.

We remember, we give thanks, for the meal of love and grace.

Pour on us your Holy Breath.
Pour your Spirit on these gifts.
Make them into Christ for us.
Make us Christ for the whole world.

God of all, to you we raise this our song of grateful praise.

Closing Hymn We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations (UMH 569) vs. 1 & 4

Sending Forth

Rev. Yohan Go

Postlude “Standing on the Promises” Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. Please sign up for our Lenten Book Study, beginning February 24 (Tuesday group) and February 25 (Wednesday group). We will read *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* by Adam Hamilton.

2. Ash Wednesday worship service will be on Feb. 18th at 7 p.m. at the church

3. On Saturday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m., we’re hosting an Evangelism Seminar at our church, and you’re invited.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kawn Kim, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stafford Springs. Rev. Kim has faithfully served a wide range of congregations—from small rural churches to large urban churches, and from single-ethnic to multi-ethnic communities. Since age 17, he has experienced the Holy Spirit moving in powerful ways, and that has shaped a lifelong passion for evangelism, church renewal, and reaching the next generation.

If you’ve ever wondered, “How do we share our faith in a way that feels real—not pushy?” or “How can our church grow in love and reach?”—this seminar is for you. Come ready to be encouraged, equipped, and inspired.

Mark your calendar: Saturday, February 28 | 3:00 p.m. | at the church.

Bring a friend—and come with an open heart.

4. The worship leader for Sunday, February 15th is Barbara Bishop.

Birthdays

10th James Rison

12th Linda Quinn