

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”

10:30am, Sunday, October 4, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER

Prelude “Blessed Quietness”

Hanna Noh

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn of Preparation "Holy, Holy, Holy" TFWS 2007

Opening to God (Japan)

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

What do we find at today’s table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today’s table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us repent, and give thanks to God’s power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

Opening Prayer (Australia)

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ’s followers. We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service. We serve our God in this community and throughout every land. Let us serve by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred. The Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

***Opening Hymn** "Sheaves of Summer" (v. 1, 3, 4) UMH 637

***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

Scripture Exodus 16:16-18

Choir Anthem "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Sermon Rev. Myung Park

WE RESPOND

Joys and Concerns

Hymn "Nothing Can Trouble" TFWs 2054

Prayers of the People

Offering: "Give Thanks" 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

Praise be to God who calls us to imagine and believe that another world is possible.

We praise the One who calls us into covenant with one another. Deliver these our gifts to the work of bringing hope and wholeness to all our neighbors.

God of all times and all places, remind us of the world as You intend it: free from hunger, poverty, violence, and oppression.

Embolden us, O God, to imagine and believe that another world is possible!

Amen

Hymn "One Bread One Body" (v. 3) UMH 620

Holy Communion

Invitation (Iona, Scotland)

We are here because Jesus has called us –
strangers and friends,
locals and visitors,
believers and doubters,

the certain and the curious.

**It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,
he meets us
and through him we, who are different,
are joined to each other.**

So come,
not because you understand,
but because you are understood.

Come,
not because of how you feel,
but because God has food for you.

**Come, not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you,
just as you are.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements (South Africa)

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered
on the hillside to grow.

Gathered, they are broken again
and scattered throughout the city to make bread.
the bread is scattered to each home
and broken to make nourishment.

Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us
as we are the people of God scattered through the city
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.

We receive this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.
We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.

Hymn of Invitation "Eat This Bread" UMH 628

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people— those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life.
Until the day when every people and every nation are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.

Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.

One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" TFWS 2235b

Benediction

Go in peace, for the God of justice goes with you.
Go in hope, for Christ has overcome the world.
Go in love, for the Spirit empowers you to serve. Amen.
(From Chile)

Postlude "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Hanna Noh

Worship Notes: Opening to God, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Benediction came from <https://www.globalministries.org/resource/world-communion-sunday-resources/>

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, October 11th is Barbara Bishop.
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. **Pastor Myung** would love to spend some time with the Asbury family this fall and get to know you better! She is available at several times on most Tuesdays after 11:00 a.m. If Tuesdays don't work for you, please reach out to Myung. She would be happy to find another day and time that works for you. You can choose wherever you feel most comfortable meeting: at a coffee shop, at the church office, at your home, on zoom, or even while taking a walk together at a park, walking the dog (I'd love to meet your furry friend, too!), or around the neighborhood. Come on your own, or feel free to bring a family member, neighbor, or friend. Myung would simply love the opportunity to listen, share, and get to know you better. Please use a sign-up sheet at the Coffee Hour Room to schedule a meeting.
4. **Blessing of the Animals:** Join us for a joyful afternoon on Saturday, October 10th, at 1:30pm on the front lawn of Asbury United Methodist Church as we celebrate the special bond we share with our animal companions. Bring your beloved pets—dogs, cats, hamsters, lizards, rats, snakes—all of God's creatures are welcome! Each animal will receive an individual blessing during the service. If your pet is shy or prefers to stay home, feel free to bring a photo instead. We'll also have a Memorial Table where you can honor and remember pets who have passed. This event is open to all—people of all faiths and walks of life are invited!
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 and linens and collectibles (except for plates that hang on the wall collectibles) Any questions, call Deb Rose at 808-6829.

Birthdays

5th Becky Arnold

6th Joan White

7th Zach Seymour

9th Karsen Drury, Graham Drury, Carrie Moore, & Brianna Taylor

Flowers The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth A. Edwards for her birthday by her loving husband Harry.