

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Jan Jones

Chancel: Barbara Bishop

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

**Bold Text** to be said in unison.

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

**Sunday, September 20, 2026**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## **WE GATHER**

**Prelude** “Blessed Quietness” Hanna Noh

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Opening to God**

Gracious Creator, you shower us with life, anew each day.

**Risen Christ, your love beckons us to become your people.**

Holy Spirit, you call us forth to shine with your light.

**Alleluia! We worship as we live, in gratitude and praise! Alleluia!**

#### **Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**Faithful God, our lives are so full of our own expectations, our minds so occupied by our plans, that we often do not hear you. Free us from our attachments and empty us of our desires, so that we might be ready and willing to hear your Word, and to live it, by the grace of your Spirit. Speak to us now, God, for your servants are listening. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" (v. 1, 2, 4) UMH 77

#### **\*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** Philippians 1:21-30

**Choir Anthem** "Here I Am, Lord " – Mary McDonald

**Sermon**        Rev. Myung Park

**Hymn** "When We Are Living" (v. 1, 2) UMH 356

**WE RESPOND**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Hymn** "Alleluia" UMH 186

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offering** "As the Deer"        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**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (v. 1, 3, 4) TFWS 2153

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Blessed Assurance"        Hanna Noh

**Announcements**

1. The worship leader for Sunday, September 27 is Kerri Dorsey.
2. If anyone is interested in helping with bread baking, the bazaar this year is November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.
3. The Chancel Guild Meeting will be held via zoom on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
4. It's almost that time of year! Basket Boutique is looking for donations of baskets – mostly medium sizes for the Basket Boutique table at our annual Asbury Christmas Village Bazaar. We will be organizing and categorizing items in the next few weeks. Our "wish list" for basket items include new candles, Christmas ornaments, kitchen towels, trinkets and bath/body items. Thanks for your continued support! Diane Newman-Goins & Tricia Smith-Disu.

5. The first Food for the Soul event for the 2026-2027 season will be Saturday, October 17th. We will also be participating in the No More Hunger Walk that same morning. Please contact Jill Rowe if interested at [rowejill96@gmail.com](mailto:rowejill96@gmail.com). She will also be passing around a sign-up sheet.

6. The Church Council meeting is going to be on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at **6:30pm**. Please note this is a one-time change to the meeting time.

### **Birthdays**

20<sup>th</sup> Ethan Arnold, Chris Harrell, & Justin Okerholm

23<sup>rd</sup> Heidi Bradbury, Trish Disu

**Flowers**      The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Zubyk Jr., Helen Daily, and Ann Hitchener, by Janet Ward & Family.