

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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**“A Church Rooted in Prayer and Sent in Love”**  
**February 15, 2026**

## WE GATHER

**Prelude** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Hanna Noh

## Welcome and Announcements

**Preparation Hymn** TFWS 2025-“As the Deer” vs. 1

### Threshold Moment

**Leader:** Come, all who long for a glimpse of God’s glory.

**People:** We come—hungry for holy light.

**Leader:** Jesus calls us up the mountain, beyond the noise and hurry.

**People:** Quiet our hearts. Open our eyes.

**Leader:** God speaks love over Jesus: “*This is my beloved... listen to him.*”

**People:** We will listen. We will trust. We will follow.

**Leader:** And we remember: the mountain is not the end of the story.

**People:** God sends us back—into the valley—with courage and compassion.

**Leader:** In this season of Black History Month, we give thanks for the faith, resilience, and witness of Black saints and communities.

**People:** Thank you, God, for hope that kept shining in the darkest places.

**Leader:** From mountain flame to valley light—God is still transforming lives.

**People:** Let us worship God with wonder, gratitude, and obedience. Amen.

### Opening Prayer (Marian Styles-McClintock)

Let us pray together:

God of glory and grace,  
thank you for gathering us today.

Meet us on the mountain places of our faith—where we need awe, where we need clarity, where we need to remember that Jesus is not just a good idea but the living Word. Speak to us again, and help us listen.

And meet us in the valley places too—where life feels heavy, where prayers feel small, where we carry worry, grief, and fatigue. Breathe your Spirit into our tired embers. Rekindle love. Renew joy. Strengthen trust.

Today, as we honor Black History Month, we give thanks for the witness of Black Christians who carried the light of faith through suffering, who sang hope into the night, and who worked for dignity and justice with steady courage. Shape our church to be that kind of light—humble, brave, and faithful.

Transform us in worship, and then send us out with Jesus:  
from mountain flame to valley light.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Opening Hymn UMH 140 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” 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.*

**Black History Month Reflection by Evey Hallam**

**WE PROCLAIM Matthew 17:1-9**

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I[a] will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Choir Anthem “You Raise Me Up”**

**Sermon**      “From Mountain Flame to Valley Light”      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** UMH 369 – “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1 & 3

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

**Postlude** “Battle Hymn of the Republic” 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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> is Kerri Dorsey.

**Birthdays**

16<sup>th</sup> Jane Gilman & Andrea Dunn

17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Kennedy

19<sup>th</sup> Nathan Bradbury

**Flowers** The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marge Thornton, beloved aunt by the Arnold Family.