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**TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST  
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
WORLD**

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## **WE ARE ASBURY**

ABUNDANTLY THANKFUL TO GOD  
SAVED BY CHRIST'S RESURRECTION  
BLESSED BY GOD  
UNITED BY CHRIST'S LOVE FOR EACH OF US  
REACHING OUT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND  
OUR COMMUNITY  
YEARNING TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL BY  
BEING CHRIST'S VOICE, HANDS, AND FEET IN  
THE WORLD.

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

AUGUST 20, 2023

**PASTOR**

REV. YOHAN GO

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## PROGRAM

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- "BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING" DAY ON AUGUST 27.
- BAZAAR MEETING ON AUGUST 27 AT 7 P.M. VIA ZOOM
- RALLY DAY (SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10) 2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN! JOIN US IN WELCOMING BACK OUR CHILDREN TO ASBURY UMC'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER WORSHIP.

### BIRTHDAY AUGUST

- 20 ALEX LUCINI  
26 MARGE BIRON  
APRIL ROWE



### Worship Leader:

**Prelude** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Hanna Noh

### Greeting and Announcements

**Centering hymn** TFWS#2025 "As the deer" x1

### Call to Worship

L: Beloved disciples, welcome! We gather as people reconciled to one another and God through grace, a gift freely and lovingly given that we do not earn or deserve. We receive the marvelous work of grace in our lives, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**P: No! God's grace is not fair, but a gift of God's mercy.**

L: We gather as neighbors who have experienced difficulties of every kind. We feel uncertain, fearful, and overwhelmed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**P: No! Our difficulties are not fair, and God's grace meets our uncertainty with mercy and love.**

L: We gather as a community that knows the suffering of our neighbors. We look at the effects of poverty, food insecurity, and trauma in our neighborhoods, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**P: No! The suffering of our neighbors is not fair, and God's grace calls us to respond to suffering with mercy and justice.**

L: We gather as people who question how to live into God's abundance and flourishing in a world built on scarcity and greed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

**P: Yes! God's life of abundance and flourishing is fair, because it is merciful. May God's grace form us into people of mercy, justice, compassion, and truth-telling as we gather today. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023.

\* **Opening Hymn** UMH #140 "Great is thy faithfulness" vs 1,3  
**Joy and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

**Interlude** "I just keep trusting my Lord" Hanna Noh&Carlos Capacho,

### Doxology / Offering prayer

**Scripture reading:** Genesis 45:1-15

**Songs of Illumination:** UMH#454 Open My Eyes, That I May See vs1

**Sermon** "Is It Fair?" Rev. Yohan Go

\* **Closing hymns** UMH#419 "I am thine, O lord" vs 1,3,4

\* **Benediction** Rev. Yohan Go

\* **Prayer for Peace Through Hymn**

UMH #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Postlude** "God be with you till we meet again" Hanna Noh