



Asbury United Methodist Church

April 16, 2023 9:30 A.M.
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Pastor
Rev. Yohan Go

Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering (Prelude) “Be Still, My Soul”

Welcome and Announcements

Asbury Mission Statement

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.

Announcements

1. Haven UMC will host a spring benefit concert for those who were affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria on May 7th at 3 p.m.

Birthdays

16 Trevor Weigner
17 Carl Bishop Jr.
20 Kim Curry
Maryanne Donohue
21 Johnell Norton
Nicholas Travassos
22 Marilyn Blanche

no matter what trials or hardships come your way,
God is right beside you, whispering “Peace be with you,”
guiding and directing your path.
So do not live in fear, but in joy.
Take heart! This is the heart of the matter.
Amen.

* Prayer for peace through hymn UMH #431 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Postlude Hanna Noh “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Songs of Illumination
UMH #393 Spirit of the Living God vs1

Sermon: Peace Be With You **Rev. Yohan Go**

Prayers of the People

Hymn - UMH #377 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Joy and Concerns

Pastoral prayer **Rev. Yohan Go**

The 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 Invitation

Interlude - Marian Styles-McClintock "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Offering prayer **Rev. Yohan Go**

*** Closing hymns: UMH #593 "Here I Am, Lord"**

*** Benediction** **Rev. Yohan Go**

(based on Psalm 16)
As we close this time together, remember:
God is always with you. No matter what you face,

Opening Act of Centering Our Hearts as One

Leader: Easter is not just a day. It is a whole season of time when we remember that Jesus' Spirit lives on in each one of us. In the Bible, the early church was described in this way:

*"Day by day, as they **spent much time together** in the temple, they **broke bread at home** and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, **praising God** and **having the goodwill** of all the people." (Acts 2: 46-47a)*

So over the next few weeks, we are following our ancestor's traditions, taking time to worship and talk about what is important—the "heart of the matter"—connecting with each other through the Spirit that makes us one in love.

We are going to center our hearts as one to begin.
Let's take a deep breath together.

I invite you to place your hand on your heart and let's lightly tap together in a slow heartbeat rhythm

Holy Living God,
Heartbeat of Creation,
help us to take this time to center on you,
for you made us,
you gave us life,
and you continue to be with us
every moment...
every breath...
every step.

Pastor: Hear this assurance from God:
[sing to the tune of Amazing Grace]

**Be still, O heart, you're not alone,
your beat is shared with me.
Come now, and calm, and center here,
you're mine, secure and free.**

Let's take another deep breath, making sure our shoulders and any tension we feel in our bodies is letting go with the breath.

Let's take another one.

Let us imagine letting go of our worries for now into God's heart of love.

We offer a prayer song of letting go:

[sing to the tune of Amazing Grace]

**Into your care, we offer now,
our worries, fears and strife.
We turn to you and know you're near—
Your light, our love and life.**

Let's light our candles now and set our heart worry stones next to it.

Opening Hymn/Song UMH #314 "In the Garden"

The Peace

WE PROCLAIM

**The Word in Music (Choir)
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

**Gospel Reading
John 20:19-31**

19-20 Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

20-21 The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

22-23 Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

24-25 But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

27 Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

28 Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

29 Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

30-31 Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.