

no matter what trials or hardships come your way,
God is right beside you, offering love straight from the heart,
guiding and directing your path.

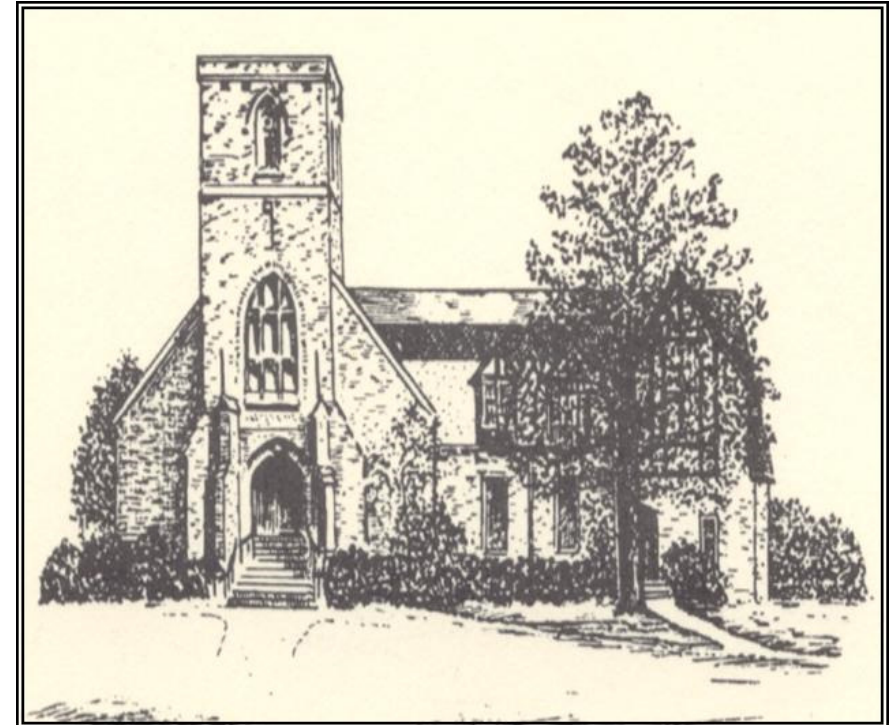
So, acknowledge your fear and your worry
and know it is as true and holy as any feeling,
including joy and hope and love.

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 “Shine Jesus Shine”



Asbury United Methodist Church

April 23, 2023 9:30 A.M.

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Pastor

Rev. Yohan Go

Second Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering (Prelude) “As the Deer”

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 earthquakes in Turkey and Syria on May 7th at 3 p.m.
2. If you have announcements to share with Asbury, please give your announcements to Pastor Yohan or Lori by Wednesday.

Birthdays

- 23 Alexandra Francis, Rebecca Sanderson,
Chad Whitney, Lincoln LaCroix
- 24 Celeste Leal
- 25 Kelly Francis
- 26 Andy Curry, April Parker
- 28 Thomas Williams
- 29 MacKenzie Francis

Joys 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 Hanna Noh “I Surrender All”

*Doxology
Old 100th*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Jesus Christ, our burdens know,
Praise Spirit through whom our hearts grow,
Praise Three-in-One, from here below.**

Offering prayer

Rev. Yohan Go

*** Closing hymns: TFWS #2129
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” vs. 1,2,3**

* 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,

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, “The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!” Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread. - Luke 24:13-35

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

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

Sermon: Faith on the Road Rev. Yohan Go

Prayers of the People
Hymn – TFWS #2070 “He is Exalted” 1x

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.

Opening Hymn/Song - UMH #310 He Lives vs. 1,3

The Peace

**WE PROCLAIM
The Word in Music (Choir)
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

**Gospel Reading
Luke 24:13-35**

Reader: Here is how the story of Jesus' surprise visit on the road and at the dinner happened. Imagine yourself walking down the road and a stranger comes along...

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him.”