



Asbury United Methodist Church

April 30, 2023 9:30 A.M.

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Pastor

Rev. Yohan Go

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering (Prelude) “Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”

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

April

30 Stephen Gilman
Sharon Kelley

May

1 Diane Newman-Goins

Interlude “Since Christ My Soul From Sin Set Free” Hanna Noh

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 – UMH #419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” vs. 1,3,4

* 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,
no matter what trials or hardships come your way,
God is right beside you, always filling your cup to overflowing,
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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Composed by William Bradbury

Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest. - John 10: 1-10

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

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

Sermon: The LORD is my shepherd Rev. Yohan Go

Prayers of the People
“Shepherd Me, O God”(Video)
GTG 473, FWS/STF 2058
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0kxWXHETIU>

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

- 2 Linda Lucini
- 4 Linda Mills
Benjamin McGovern
- 6 Penny Rowan

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)*

We welcome all of you who are here and those who are worshiping with us online today and remember that as we share this worship, we will stay connected. At the “heart of the matter,” we are connected through the Spirit that makes us one in love, no matter where we are.

Opening Act of Centering Our Hearts as One

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 TFWS #2113 "Lamb Of God" vs. 1,2

The Peace

**WE PROCLAIM
The Word in Music (Choir)
"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"
Composed by Johann Schop**

Gospel Reading

John 10: 1-10 / Psalm 23

Leader: Jesus used the metaphor of a shepherd several times in his ministry. We will hear a song using the most famous instance from Psalm 23 later in our worship. In this passage from the Gospel of John, the sheep know that the Shepherd really cares about them and offers what they need—good, abundant, green pastures to eat in. They recognize this Shepherd who takes care of them as they hear his voice.

Reader: I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate.