



Asbury United Methodist Church
May 14, 2023 9:30 A.M.
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Pastor
Rev. Yohan Go

Sixth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering (Prelude)
“Trust and Obey” Hanna Noh

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. Please note that the Memorial Day Chancel Guild geranium order will be collected by Barbara Bishop today. The last day to order is the 18th, but sooner is better!
2. Have you ever heard about the 2023 Asbury revival? There was a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Asbury University's campus early this year, and Asbury UMC has invited a student who was there. We will hear his testimony on June 4th at 9:30 a.m. Please mark it on your calendar and come to hear how God still works today.
3. Asbury is getting ready for our yard sale on May 20th from 9am – 2pm.

**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 hymn: **UMH #384 vs. 1,3,4 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

* **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.

The Companion is 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

“Because He Lives”

Hanna Noh

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

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

Sermon: Our Mother, the Holy Spirit Rev. Yohan Go

Prayers of the People

Hymn UMH #347 vs.1 “Spirit Song”

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 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” - Violin – Frank Rose

Doxology *Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

4. If you have announcements to share with Asbury, please give them to Pastor Yohan or Lori by Wednesday.

Birthdays

15 David Humphrey
19 Lisa Keene
20 Chuck Main

Opening Act of Centering Our Hearts as One

Leader: We continue with our Easter Season because Easter isn’t just one day. This week we are invited to keep Jesus’ commandments—to love one another is to keep each other in our hearts. Every week we remind ourselves why we gather. We are forming a habit of spending time together, breaking bread together, praising God together and having goodwill for all the people. In the account of the early church, they did just that:

*“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)*

As we share this worship weekly, here and at home, we will stay connected. At the “heart of the matter,” we are connected through the Spirit that makes us one in love.

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 2142 vs. 1,3,5 "Blessed Quietness"**

The Peace

**WE PROCLAIM
The Word in Music (Choir) "You Raise Me Up"**

Leader: The resurrected Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will
be with them when he is gone.

Reader:

"If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask
the One who sent me to give you another [Companion],
another Helper to be with you always—the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees
nor recognizes... but you can recognize the Spirit because
the Spirit remains with you and will be within you.

I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little
while now and the world will see no more; but you'll see
me; because I live, and you will live as well. On that day
you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am
in you.

Those who obey my commandments are the ones who
love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba
God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them." -
John 14: 15-21 (Inclusive Bible translation)