

August 14, 2022

* Please rise in body or in spirit

Prelude **Hanna Noh**

Greeting

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 - Bread baking dates for our November 5th Bazaar - October 26, 27, 28 ,29 (Wednesday thru Saturday).

Birthdays

14 Bob Hanke

19 Angelina Dercole, Kathleen Martin-Estus

20 Alex Lucini

Centering hymn: TFWS # 2211 Faith Is Patience in the Night

***Call to Worship**

L: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

P: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

L: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

P: Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

P: Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.

*** Opening Hymn UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory vs 1,2,4**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer **Rev. Dr. Yohan Go**

Lord's Prayer (Hymn)

Offering invitation

Offering prayer

***Scripture reading:** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

11:29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. **11:30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. **11:31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. **11:32** And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- **11:33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, **11:34** quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **11:35** Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. **11:36** Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **11:37** They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- **11:38** of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. **11:39** Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, **11:40** since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. **12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **12:2** looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon: By Faith

Rev. Dr. Yohan Go

[Global prayer for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula](#)

O Lord, how long shall we continue to keep the division on the Korean Peninsula? When will peace come to the painful and broken land of Korea? When will the South and the North lay down the weapons aimed at each other, hold each other's hand, and sing a song of peace? When will you

lift the thick shadow of division? O Lord, we have been living in pain of division for a long time. Following the brotherly Korean War with its incalculable number of deaths, countless families were separated by the war and many people lost their livelihood. The forces of the division system are the major stumbling blocks in the path toward peace and reunification while military tensions are rising on the Korean Peninsula in the midst of mistrust. Our hearts break when we look at the rusty barbed wire. O Lord, grant your healing grace to those suffering from the wounds of division. Help us to stop demonizing each other but instead to pursue peace and coexistence. Empower us to take down the rusty barbed wire and the desires of all who block the way of peace. Grant us love that encourages us to overcome suspicion and hatred. Help us to discover the truth in ourselves that we can become agents of peace and reconciliation through your grace. O Lord, have mercy on us in your compassion that churches in the North and the South may gladly respond to your love in a faithful commitment to the journey of peace. Give us the strength and resilience to go beyond division and work together for peace through dramatic improvement and development of inter-Korean relations. May we rekindle the hopes for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula. O Lord, 77 years of division, there shall be no more tears and pain. We can no longer be bound in heavy chains of war and conflict. We cry to you for help, Lord; may we, your people, have open eyes to see and open ears to hear your presence among us along the journey toward peace and reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen. 15 August 2022, National Council of Churches in Korea, Korean Christian Federation

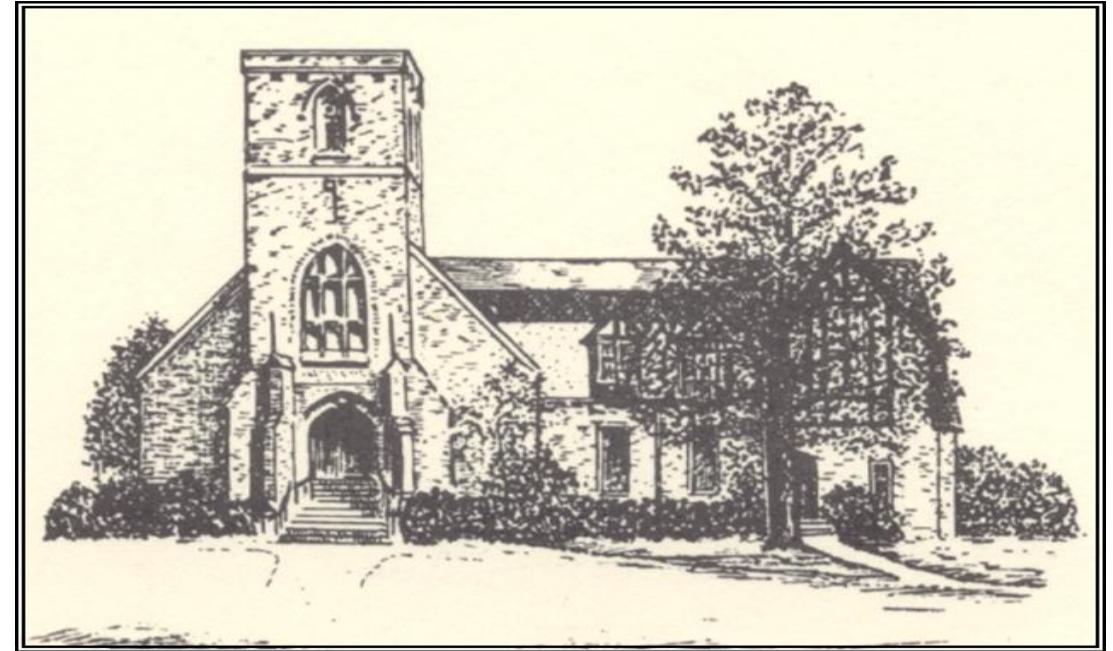
* Closing hymns: TFWS # 2208 Guide My Feet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZYqniqOml8>

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Yohan Go

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

Postlude Hanna Noh



“If you are without a church home, we invite you to join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. You are always welcome here.”

Asbury United Methodist Church

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Yohan Go

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