

Prelude

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Greeting

**Birthday's**

August 19 Angelina Dercole

August 19 Kathleen Martin-Estus

August 20 Alex Lucini

**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

Moment of Silence

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Dear God, Thank you that you promise us that where two or more are gathered in your name, you are there.

**Congregation: Equip, dear God, this space for worship. Let love be present in every handshake and every meeting of eyes.**

Leader: Let spirits be open to your presence and let our hearts be eager to feel your embrace.

**Congregation: Let music touch our deepest chords and let our prayers be the melody.**

Leader: We ask that you would open our ears so that we may hear your voice

**Congregation: And open our hearts so that we may receive your wonderful love.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn TFWS #2036

*Give Thanks*

Joy and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Offering Invitation

Leader: Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7:

God loves a cheerful giver. Eugene Peterson in his translation of the Bible says, "God loves it when the giver delights in the giving."

Offering Our Gifts

Doxology UMH #95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offering Prayer

Leader: God of grace it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.

**Congregation: All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love; use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world.**

**Amen**

**Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4; Galatians 6:2**

Exodus 17: 8-13

At Rephidim the Amalekites came and fought the Israelites. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men and go and fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill, holding the walking stick of God in my hands."

Joshua obeyed Moses and went to fight the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held his hands up, the Israelites would win the fight, but when Moses put his hands down, the Amalekites would win. Later, when Moses' arms became tired, the men put a large rock under him and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands- Aaron on one side and Hur on the other. They kept his hands steady until the sun went down. So Joshua defeated the Amalekites in this battle.

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1: 3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God give us.

Galations 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Sermon**

**Jan Jones**

\*Closing Hymn TFWS #2148 *over My Head*

\*Benediction Kindred Spirit (Carol Penner) revised

Leader: We want someone to love us just as we are,

Someone who calls when we need calling

Hugs us, when we need hugging,

Cries with us, laughs with us...

Someone who dances and matches our walk stride for stride.

We want a companion who sits and watches the world go by,

Happy to be quiet, silly or thoughtful, rather near or far.

**Congregation: Dear God, grant that we may not so much seek to have a kindred spirit as to be a kindred spirit. Give us ears to hear the needs of those around us, arms to hold them, eyes to see their pain or joy and a heart to feel it.**

Leader: May this congregation offer comfort, love and joy, thinking more of others than ourselves, helping to lift burdens from friends, families and strangers. And in the small ways, O God, may our small efforts make a big contribution to your saving work in our world. Most of all Dear God, as we go forth from this place today, help us to know that You are the Kindred Spirit whose love we can count on, time in and time out, time after time.

**Amen**

\*Postlude

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One Smile has the Power to...

Calm fears. Soften stone walls. Warm a cold heart. Invite a new friend. Mimic a loving hug. Beautify the bearer. Lighten heavy loads. Promote good deeds. Brighten a gloomy day. Comfort a grieving spirit. Offer hope to the forlorn. Send a message of caring. Lift the downtrodden soul. Patch up invisible wounds. Weaken the hold of misery. Act as medicine for suffering. Attract the companionship of angels. Fulfill the human need for recognition. Who knew changing the world would prove so simple? Richelle F. Goodrich

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