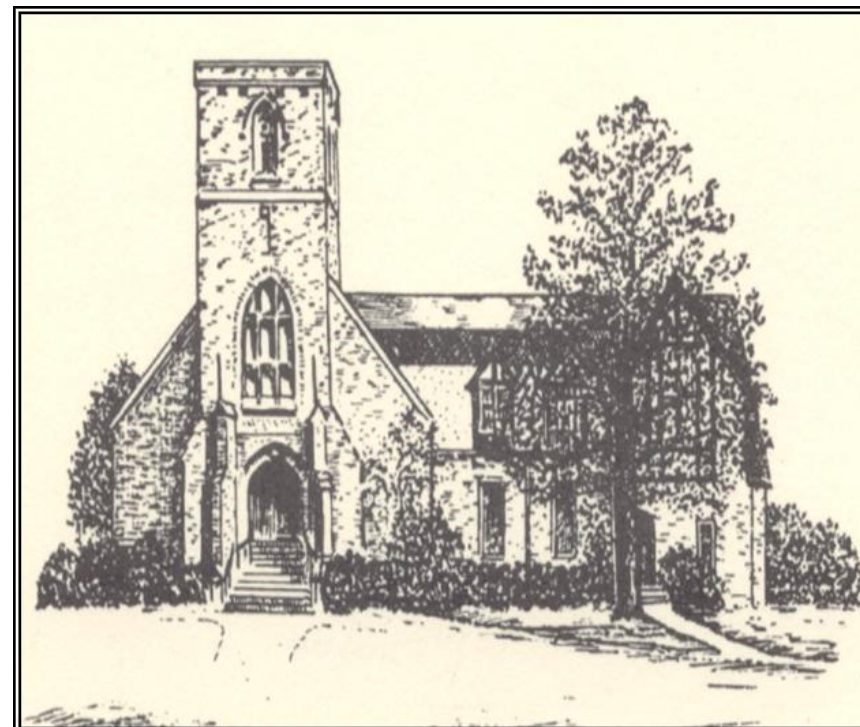


Take heart! This is the heart of the matter.
Amen.

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

Postlude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hanna Noh



Asbury United Methodist Church

May 7, 2023 9:30 A.M.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering (Prelude)
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” 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. 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

- 8 Lee Arnold
Ginny Peterson
- 10 Brian McGovern
Greg Rowe
- 11 Deb Drury

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 - Offertory song Alice Pace, Ned Quist
“The Blessing” by Maura O’Connell

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

Holy Communion

* **Closing hymn: UMH #369 “Blessed Assurance”**

* **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, ready to hold you, to be a rock for you,
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.

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Phillip, and still you don’t know me? Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God. How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’? Don’t you believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me? The words I speak are not spoken of myself; it is Abba God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do. The heart and truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do—and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to Abba God, and whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that God may be glorified in me. Anything you ask in my name I will do. - John 14: 1-14 (Inclusive Bible translation)

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

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

Sermon: I am in the Father and the Father is in me Rev. Yohan Go

Prayers of the People

Hymn: UMH #454 vs. 1 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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,

- 12 Marian Styles-McClintock
- 13 Danielle Lucini

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

UMH #64 vs. 1,3,4 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

The Peace

WE PROCLAIM

The Word in Music (Choir) "How Great Thou Art"

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Leader: Our future is in the hands of Love, in the heart of God. Jesus, as God-in-the-flesh, helps us to know that we are in the house and family of God. He called God "Abba"—in intimate name that a child would call a Parent in the language Jesus spoke. God was not distant, but a Parent who loves tenderly, protects faithfully, and wants us to know intimately. Hear Jesus comfort the disciples, who are distressed at the thought of living life without him:

Reader:

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going."

Thomas replied, "But we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him, "I myself am the Way—I am Truth, and I am Life. No one comes to Abba God but through me. If you really knew me, you would know Abba God also. From this point on, you know Abba God and you have seen God."

"Rabbi," Phillip said, "show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us."