

Prelude

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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.”

### **Announcement**

Birthdays

22 Carl Bishop Sr. , Linda Cameron, Lee Williams  
24 Harry Jones  
25 Buddy Ford, Benjamin Sunoskie  
26 Erin Rose  
27 Laura Quist

### **OPENING HYMN:**

UMH #519 **Lift Every Voice and Sing V. 1-2**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(From <https://interculturalministriescentral.org/>)

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; Persecuted, but not forsaken; Cast down,  
but not destroyed.

**African American history tells the story of a people whose faith in God, hope in the future,  
and love for one another sustained them through every generation.**

As You gave them strength to fight, give us power to break the chains of mass incarceration,  
poverty, violence, and the sins that so easily beset.

**As we gather for worship, we remember the sacrifices and faith of these courageous men  
and women. Guide our feet, focus our minds, and sustain our hearts as we strive to serve  
this present age in unity and brotherhood.**

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

**Compassionate God, who sent Jesus the Christ to deliver us from all manner of  
injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the  
image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May  
we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending  
misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human  
flourishing, through Jesus the Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns  
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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### **“Black History Month Video”**

**Joy and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **Offering Invitation/ Offering Prayer**

**GOSPEL WITNESS:** LUKE 6: 27-38 (stand as you are able)

6:27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

6:29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes  
away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

6:30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask  
for them again.

6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those  
who love them.

6:33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even  
sinners do the same.

6:34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even  
sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will  
be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the  
wicked.

6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;  
6:38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**SERMON:** "If Not Now, When?" Johnell Norton CLM

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (W & S #83)

We believe: The poor in spirit are blessed,  
**and theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

those who mourn are blessed,  
**and they will be comforted.**

the meek are blessed,  
**and they inherit the earth.**

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed,  
**and they will be filled.**

the merciful are blessed,  
**and they will receive mercy,**

the pure in heart are blessed,  
**and they will see God.**

the peacemakers are blessed,  
**and they will be called children of God.**

those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are blessed,  
**and theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

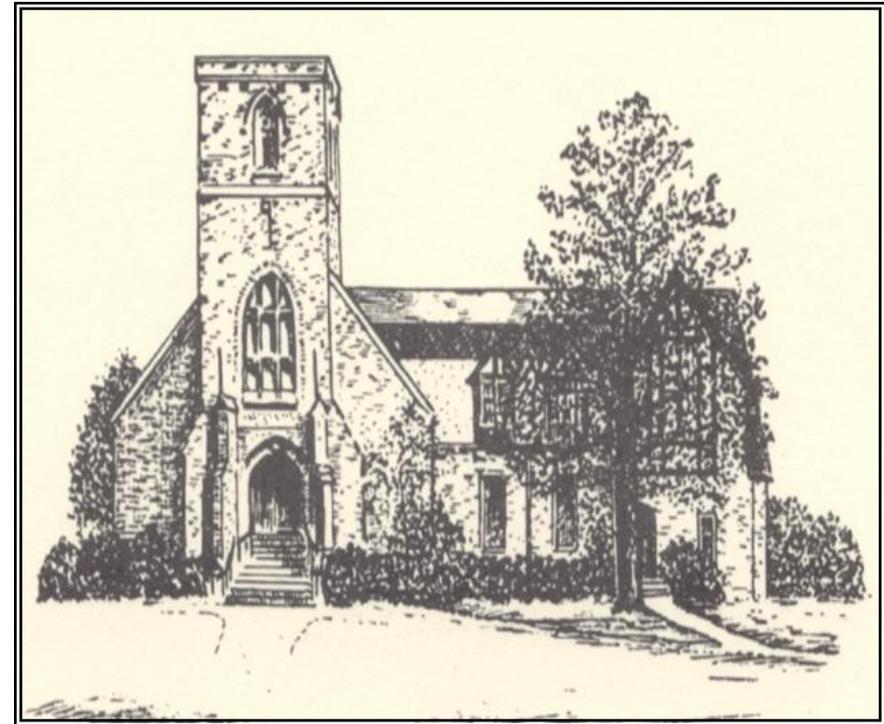
We believe we are blessed when people revile us and persecute us and falsely utter all kinds of evil against us because of Jesus the Christ.

**We shall rejoice and be glad, for our reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before us. AMEN**

**BENEDICTION:** (Song) UMH #666 Shalom to You

**CLOSING HYMN:** UMH # 707 Hymn of Promise (All verses)

Postlude



**"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. YOHAN GO*

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