

Asbury Home Church Worship Service



“Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”
And her daughter was healed instantly.” (Acts 2:4)

Opening Hymn Spiritual “Nobody Knows What Trouble I've seen”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDpUUnlpF7c>

Opening Prayer

We stand before you, O Lord, hurting, confused, angry, fearful, and ashamed. We stand in the need of prayer, for we have sinned.

Today we pause to recognize especially our shame and to seek your forgiveness, so that we can forgive one another. We come before you to seek the grace and wisdom that will empower us to be justice-seekers.

Forgive us for the sin of racism and for failing to make justice the way of life for all people.

Forgive us for permitting the differences that make us special to become stumbling blocks of division.

Forgive us for not using our power responsibly.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us that “a riot is the language of the unheard.”

Forgive us for not listening to the voices crying out for freedom, for mercy, for justice.

Forgive us for tuning out stories of those whose lives have been needlessly lost and the voices of those who live in fear, anger, and despair.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called out our complacency, observing: “our nation's summers of riots are caused by our nation's winters of delay.”

Forgive us for waiting for a riot to pay attention to the anger and the hurt.

Forgive us for caring more about our own comforts than the full humanity of your beloved children.

Forgive us for our satisfaction with racist systems, policies, laws, and institutions.

Forgive us for thinking “if things are fine for me, they are fine for everyone.”

Through growing wisdom, and penitent spirits for our own provincialism, enable us to make a difference, and to demonstrate the way of love.

Show us the way to justice! Show us the way to mutual respect and trust! Enable us to see value in those different from us, and to celebrate your Beloved Community.

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,

Standin' in the need of prayer.

We are all standing in the need of prayer.

In the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Daily Prayer from New England Conference.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon

"Jesus and Racism"

Rev. Yohan Go

Discussion questions

1. How is it with your soul?
2. What is your understanding of racism and how does it affects you and our society? What will be the will of God in responding to the rampant racism in our society?
3. Think of what Asbury UMC needs to do in an act of repenting our sin of racism and be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of color who work for racial justice?

Prayer for family and friends: Share your prayer concerns with your family and pray for people who need your prayer.

Closing Hymn UMH # 352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

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,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,
FOR EVER AND EVER
AMEN**

If you are depressed or worried over coronavirus, you are not alone. If you need pastoral care or simply want to talk with someone, contact pastor Yohan Go Email: koyohan3@hotmail.com
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