

\* Closing hymn: UMH # 384 vs. 1,3,4 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\* 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, breathing breath into 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.

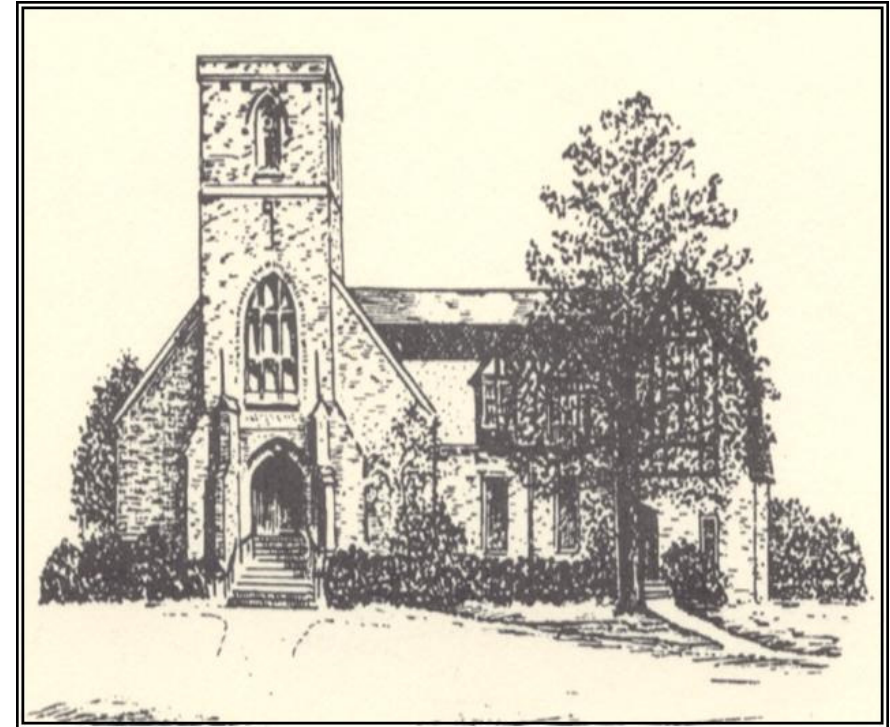
Take heart! This is the heart of the matter.

**Amen.**

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

\* Taps Warren Cole

Postlude “My Hope is Built” Hanna Noh



**Asbury United Methodist Church**

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## **Pentecost Sunday**

### **WE GATHER**

**Music for Gathering (Prelude)**  
**“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”**

### **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. Have you ever heard about the 2023 Asbury revival? There was a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Asbury University's campus early this year, and Asbury UMC has invited a student who was there. We will hear his testimony on June 4th at 9:30 a.m. Please mark it on your calendar and come to hear how God still works today.
2. Call for Achievements: Education Sunday is June 11th during our worship service. If you have anyone you would like recognized for academic or other achievements including honors, distinctions or awards, please email the name(s) and a brief description to Lori at [asburyumcri@gmail.com](mailto:asburyumcri@gmail.com) **no later than Tuesday, June 6th.**

**Sermon: the Holy Spirit, the Breath of Life - Rev. Yohan Go**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn “UMH #347 vs. 1 “Spirit Song**

**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,  
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 “Here, O My Lord” by Mel Bay Warren Cole**

**\* 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**

down upon his disciples and breaks down the language barriers, which has been the cure of Babel. People from all nations heard the good news.

*Reader:*

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;  
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;  
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;  
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

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

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

The honorees and their achievements will be listed in an insert in the Education Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

3. New England Annual Conference will meet from June 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Prayer
4. Tomorrow is Memorial Day. Remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of this nation.
5. If you have announcements to share with Asbury, please give them to Pastor Yohan or Lori by Wednesday.

**Birthdays**

May 28 Cindy Ford  
Kurt Hanke

June 1 Thomas Hanke  
Norma Secor

**Opening Act of Centering Our Hearts as One**

*Leader:* The day of Pentecost has come! We have been spending time together each week being reminded that "love is our religion" and that our hearts have the Spirit of Christ within, helping us, guiding us, giving us strength and courage and overflowing gratitude for each other. All of this was inspired by the early Christian community, one that was often under difficult circumstances but continued to support each other along the 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 have created a “temple” of worship in our hearts that connects us across boundaries, distance and time. As we shared this worship, we stayed connected. At the “heart of the matter,” we are connected through the Spirit that makes us one in love.

### **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/Song  
TFWS #2117 vs. 1,4,5 “Spirit of God”**

### **The Peace**

### **WE PROCLAIM**

**The Word in Music (Choir)  
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

**\* Scripture reading  
Acts 2:1-11**

*Leader:* Today we commemorate the moment when the Holy Spirit descended on disciples. As Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit came