

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Carl Bishop Jr.

* Please rise in body or in spirit

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2024

Gathering Song “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Hanna Noh

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.

Announcements

Centering hymn TFWS 2068 “I Love You, Lord” x1

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today, aware that we have not yet reached the fullness of our journey, but together, we press on.

People: We press on toward the goal, toward the blessing of God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Let us leave behind what is past, forgetting what lies behind, and strain forward to what lies ahead.

People: We press on, not because we have already obtained it, but because Christ has laid hold of us.

Leader: In faith and hope, let us worship God with all our hearts, seeking God’s guidance as we press on toward the promise that is before us.

All: We press on in worship, we press on in faith, and we press on together in the love of Christ.

Opening Hymn UMH 63 “Blessed Be the Name” x2

*** Sharing Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

Back To School Blessings

Scripture Reading Philipians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal,¹³ but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold¹⁴ of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly¹⁵ call of God in Christ Jesus.

Songs of Illumination

UMH#454 Open My Eyes, That I May See vs1

Open my eyes that I may see / glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Sermon Moving Forward with Purpose Rev. Yohan Go

Response Song TFWS 2070 “He is Exalted” x1

Joy and Concerns

Hymn: (UMH 186 Alleluia) Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Pastoral prayer Rev. Yohan Go

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 Special Music Hanna Noh

Doxology

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

* **Closing hymns** UMH 369 “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1, 3

Benediction Rev. Yohan Go

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

Postlude “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” Hanna Noh

Announcements

1. We have gathered the shoes to be delivered to Project Outreach. It is typical that our congregation is so quick to respond to the needs of our neighbors whether near or far. We pray that the 52 pairs of shoes will bring a smile to someone’s face and you will see the smile of God walking towards you someday, because you cared. Thank you for your generosity.

- The Mission Committee -

2. Asbury UMC have collected school supplies for kids and will deliver them to schools in early September. Thank you for helping our neighbors.

3. If you know of someone in need of a meal, please contact Jan Jones, (486-5449) Eric Jones (595-4768) or Linc Smith (263-8245) from Lakewood Baptist.

A number of single serving containers of American Chop Suey and chicken soup have been prepared and are located in the freezer at Lakewood Baptist. Feel free to share as long as supply lasts.

4. The worship leader for Sunday, September 1st is Alice Pace.

5. There is a Finance meeting today August 25th immediately after worship service.

6. The Church Council has a meeting Tuesday, August 27th via Zoom at 7 PM.