

Asbury United Methodist Church

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* Please rise in body or in spirit

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2024

Prelude Jamie Haley

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.

Call to Worship

Leader: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
(Psalm 133:1)

Congregation: "We come together as one body, diverse in our backgrounds but united in Christ."

Opening Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH # 548 vs 1,3,4

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Unity:

Almighty God, we gather here today as Your diverse yet unified people. We thank You for the variety of gifts, backgrounds, and experiences represented in this congregation. Help us to see each

other through Your eyes of love and grace. Unite us in purpose,
that we may serve You together as one body.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE: Remembering those worshiping away from us

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV):

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

Ephesians 4:1-6

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS 2223

Sermon: Why do I find it so hard to like some Christians?

Reflection Hymn "One Bread, One Body" UMH #620

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lords Prayer

Offering

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.

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to You, grateful for the diversity of blessings we have received. Use them to further Your work of unity and love in our world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Video [Bind Us Together, Lord \[with lyrics for congregations\]](#)

Benediction**Leader:**

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SONG FOR PEACE: UMH #431 "Let there be Peace on Earth"

Postlude Jamie Haley

Announcements:

1. Sunday, July 28th the worship leader is Kerri Dorsey.

Birthdays

23rd Art Williams

24th William McGovern

26th Bob Spelman

27th Paul Mancini