

Pray for: all impacted by COVID19; Jana's Uncle Wendell & Aunt Virginia (COVID19); Trendi Moss; Nikola Jans (3mo w/heart problems); Marj Nass; Tom Rittscher; Passow family; Marcy Maass; a young stroke victim; Linda (cancer); snowbirds; Don Bottorff; Dr. Sahai; Hannah Brandt (teen cancer warrior); Bradley (chemo); Garry Staley; Steve Butler; Jennifer Van Diest; Anita Gaul; Kyzer Stanley; Sherry Lambi; Steve Kehoe; Tim & Caroline Bailey family in Romania **Please keep us updated with your prayer requests—Thanks!**

The Serenity Prayer – Reinhold Niebuhr

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

Asbury United Methodist Church
Rev. Jeff Flagg
Sunday, April 19, 2020
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WHERE THERE
IS HOPE,
THERE IS *faith.*
WHERE THERE
IS FAITH, *miracles*
HAPPEN.

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Prelude

Greeting

Hymn "He Lives" (all) #310

Opening Prayer Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. Amen.

Call to Worship

The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory

Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn "Victory in Jesus" (all) #370

Prayer of Confession (John 20) Even though we have come through the joy of Easter and the triumphant Easter songs, yet we doubt, Lord. Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus. We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We move the joy of Easter into the past and continue in a downward path to confusion. Shine your bright light of joy upon us. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you, touched your hands and side. Help us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Do not fear, dear friends. Jesus is among us, offering us new life and hope. Nothing can prevent God's love for us. Rejoice, for you have been made new in Christ. Amen.

John 20:19-31

Offering

Doxology #95 Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time of sharing

Children's Time Jennifer Sullivan, Christian Formation Director

Announcements

Celebrations this week

Concerns/ pastoral prayer/ Lord's Prayer

Sermon "My Lord and my God"

Scripture 1 Peter 1:3-9

Hymn "I'll Fly Away" (all) #2282

Benediction

Go from this place in peace and joy to serve the Lord.

We rejoice in the good news we have heard and go to serve God in all that we do.

May God's blessing continue in and through you to others

May God's love also pour into your heart this day and always.