

Pray for: all impacted by COVID19; family/friends of Marylyn Trees; the Stanley family; the Bever family; Jana Reints' family; Trendi Moss; Nikola Jans (3mo w/heart problems); Marj Nass; Garry Staley; Tom Rittscher; Passow family; Marcy Maass; a young stroke victim; Linda (cancer); Don Bottorff; Dr. Sahai; Hannah Brandt (teen cancer warrior); Bradley (chemo); 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!**

Asbury United Methodist Church
Rev. Jeff Flagg
Sunday, May 17, 2020
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FAITH

(F) FORWARDING

(A) ALL

(I) ISSUES

(T) TO

(H) HEAVEN

Prelude

Greeting

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" #393

Opening Prayer Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

Hymn "Near to the Heart of God" (all) #472

Call to Worship

Live in God's love!

Let that love be poured out for all God's people!

Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

We are called to be God's witnesses.

Celebrate and rejoice.

Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace. AMEN.

Hymn "There's Within My Heart a Melody" (1, 2, 5) #380

Prayer of Confession Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God! AMEN.

1 Peter 3:13-22

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 "Christ in you."

Scripture John 14:15-21

Hymn "Freely, Freely" (all) #389

Benediction

Being washed in the love of Christ, now go into this world with the healing love of God to be given generously in peace and hope. God's peace will always be with those who live in God's love.