

## Connect

Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 A.M.

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest  New resident

Repeat Guest  Member

**Ages** (check all that apply):

Under 18

18-25  26-29  30-39

40-49  50-59  over 60

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children attending & age(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if your information has changed.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Wish to Join?

Please check all that apply.

I would like to publicly profess my faith in Christ and receive the Sacrament of Christian Baptism.

I am interested in knowing more about \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to transfer my membership from a church of another denomination.

I would like to transfer my membership from another United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Bro. Hammett at [hammett@asbury-lr.org](mailto:hammett@asbury-lr.org).

## \*Blessing

### \*Congregational Benediction *On Eagle's Wings*

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine  
like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

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## \*Postlude

*Adagio*  
G. F. Handel

†<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-opening-prayer-matthew.html>

Flowers are donated in memory of June Glasier by Charles and Brenda Glasier, and Mary Grace Glasier

## Upcoming Events

**Starting Point Today!**—If you would like to learn about the Methodist faith and a lot about life at Asbury, plan to attend our starting Point Class today at **10am in the large conference room** downstairs (down the hall from the library).

**Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshop**—On February 4 from 9am—2pm, Asbury will offer a workshop to provide an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders. Register at [www.asbury-lr.org/online-worship](http://www.asbury-lr.org/online-worship) or by scanning the QR code below.

**Soup and Salad Fundraiser**—The youth will have a soup and salad lunch on Sunday, February 5th from 10am—12:30pm in the Warehouse



Scan this code to sign-in, give, and register for upcoming events.

## Asbury Staff

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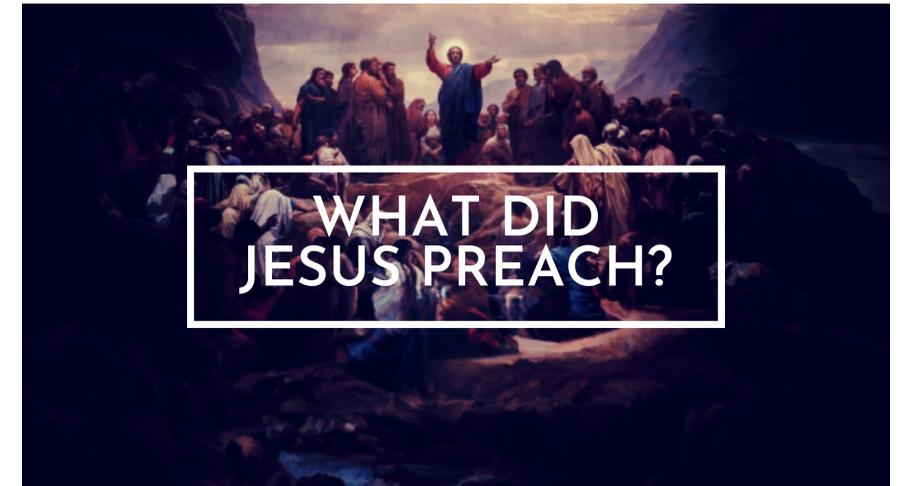
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# January 29, 2023



## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Our Mission

To bring others into Asbury UMC to experience a difference, so they make a difference for Jesus Christ and others.

### Our Invitation

To all who need Comfort, Friendship and the Love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ. This church opens wide its doors in the name of our Lord and says,

**“Welcome.”**



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AsburyUMCLR

*Welcome to worship with Asbury UMC!  
Whether you are present in person or online,  
we pray that you find this service to be spirit-filled  
and our community to be welcoming!*

\*Please stand as able

### Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *O Worship the King* Diana Brandon  
G. F. Handel

#### \*Call to Worship†

But if salt isn't salty?

**It isn't what it's meant to be.**

And if a light doesn't shine?

**It isn't what it's meant to be.**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

**We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:**

**a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,  
a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

\*Hymn of Praise *Christ is the World's Light* 188

#### \*Invocation†

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

### Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Act of Praise *He is the Light of the World* Chancel Choir  
Benjamin Harlan

#### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

#### Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Meditation on "St. Thomas"*  
Edward Broughton

#### \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### Children's Message

Nicole Rose

*The congregation is invited to sing, "Jesus Loves Me," as our children come forward.*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

### Hearing God's Word

\*Hymn of Meditation *This Little Light of Mine* 585 (1-2)

\*Scripture Lesson **Matthew 5:13-20**

The Message Rev. Nick Schimmer

**"WHAT DID JESUS PREACH?: It Should Be Evident"**

*Disciples light the way.*

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)* 882

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

### Responding to God with Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment 581

**Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service**

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### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2023!

Action Teams are recruiting for 2023 (descriptions below). Please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for your spirit of discipleship!

I am interested in serving on the:

\_\_\_ **Connect Team** (oversees Sunday School, youth, children's ministry, and other ministries that connect us more deeply to God and neighbor)

\_\_\_ **Serve Team** (Identifies, develops, and facilitates outreach and mission opportunities for the local community and beyond)

\_\_\_ **Embrace Team** (Coordinates how we welcome guests and help them become a part of our church family)

\_\_\_ **Love Team** (Provides nurture and support for church members—includes congregational care team, bereavement meals, etc.)

\_\_\_ **Family Life Ministries Team** (Plans and coordinates programs for families of the church—educational, recreational and fellowship events)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### PRAYER REQUEST

PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of the concern:

Person Making the Request:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please have a pastor call me.

I would like to schedule a visit with a pastor.

Please publish this and include in spoken prayer requests during worship. (*Due to privacy concerns, we will only print requests that concern immediate family members, or that are confirmed by the person named in the request.*)

This request is confidential. (Pastors only)