#### Connect

Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 A.M.

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

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#### Wish to Join?

E-mail:

Please check all that apply. I would like to publicly profess my faith in Christ and receive the Sacrament of Christian Baptism.

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- 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 Pastor Susan at susan@asbury-lr.org.

### The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

### The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

\*Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction Shalom to You 666 Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends, May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\*Postlude The Battle is the Lord's Henry Balcombe

Donuts sponsored anonymously in celebration of our families & our church family.



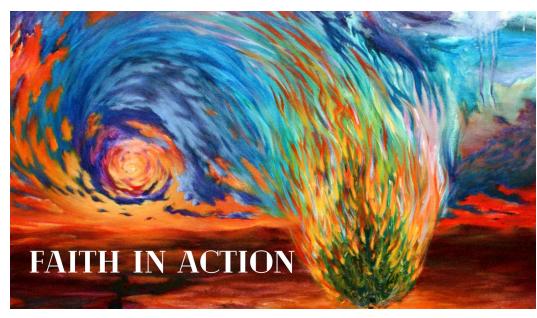
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# **September 17, 2023**



# **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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## 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 & Announcements Rev. Susan Ledbetter

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude Chaconne Diana Brandon

Louis Couperin

\*Call to Worship Rev. Susan Ledbetter

The God who turns water into wine and parts the raging seas,

We gather in love to worship and praise your name.

In our trials and tribulations.

The Lord is our refuge and strength.

Standing at the precipice of change,

We shall not fear, for the God of our ancestors is with us. Come Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, Amen.

\*Hvmn of Praise How Firm a Foundation 529

\*Invocation An Invitation to the Holy Spirit 335

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to thy greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

#### Children's Message

Nicole Rose

The congregation is invited to sing, "Jesus Loves Me," as our children come forward. Children 3yrs—1st grade are invited to go to Kids' Club following this message.

**Choral Anthem** 

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel **Chancel Choir** Larry Shackley

#### **Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Offertory

Andante Johann Joachim Quantz

\*Doxology 95

#### **Hearing God's Word**

\*Hymn of Preparation Children of the Heavenly Father

Exodus 14: 19-31 Scripture Lesson

"Wilderness Required: Faith in Action" The Message

Rev. Heather Sprinkle

#### **Responding to God with Our Lives**

\*A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church 884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in the grace egual to every need. We believe in the Word of God

contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri 70

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 361

**Celebration of Membership** 



The cost is \$115 a week and can be sponsored by a Sunday School class or in celebration of a



## PRAYER REQUEST

#### PRAY FOR

Nature of the concern:

#### Person Making the Request:

Name

Email

Please have a pastor call me. I would like to schedule a visit with a

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