

SERMON NOTES

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WELCOME TO ASBURY!

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO ASBURY? Please take a blue “Welcome” card from the attendance pad, fill it out, and take it to the welcome center outside this worship space before leaving today. We’d love to say hello and treat you to a Prodigal Pottery Mug & bag of O’Henry’s Coffee.



DO YOU WORSHIP HERE REGULARLY? Please register your attendance by filling out the attendance pad located at the end of your row and pass it along to the person beside you. Or, scan the QR code with your smartphone and register online.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Our pastors and/or prayer team would be honored to lift up your joy or concern. Take a red “Prayer Request” card from the attendance pad, fill it out, and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP? Asbury Engage is for anyone interested in getting more involved at Asbury or would like to become a member. The next class is Sunday, April 28 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service downstairs in Room 121. A complimentary lunch is served. Please scan the QR code to RSVP and let us know if you need childcare.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASBURY EVENTS? Scan the QR code above or visit asburybham.org/now.

HEART CONNECTION - Wellness Workshop April 24; Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament April 26.

HS SENIOR RECOGNITION - Recognition/Banquet May 5; On-Campus Retreat May 10-12.

ANCHOR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - Lunch & Learn with Dr. Renee Harman May 13.



ASBURY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The *Good* Fight

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Order of Worship

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful: Disturb me. Rouse me from my indifference. Lift me into consciousness of your presence. Change me, move me, mold me for the better; so that, at the sound of your voice, and at the call of my name, I will never be the same. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00) Chancel Choir
Enter Now

HYMN OF PRAISE #89
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PASTORAL GREETING

BAPTISM (11:00)
Josephine, Eloise, & Amelia Adams
Daughters of Justin & Camille Adams

CHILD OF BLESSING

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of love, our love's expression,
Love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
Into joy and laughter lead.*

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY Hannah Mercer
Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Worship Binders are always available for children at the welcome center. Nursery care is also available – exit right, go to the end of the hall. At this time, Kindergarten-second grade kids are invited to Children's Church for the remainder of the service. If you have not pre-registered your child, please accompany them to Room 214 – exit right from the sanctuary.

SCRIPTURE

John 8:1-11 (NRSV)
While Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

SONG OF PREPARATION Chancel Choir
I Stand Amazed in the Presence

SERMON Rev. Mike Holly
"The Good Fight: Rules of Engagement"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #121
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

SENDING FORTH

Pastor: We came to worship
People: We go to serve and grow.
Pastor: Let us go forth to embody the way of Jesus, together.
All: Amen.

BLESSING RESPONSE

*Go Forth for God
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage,
Armed with heavenly grace,
In God's good Spirit daily to increase,
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.*

POSTLUDE

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Mike Holly, Senior Pastor
Rev. Michael Bowman, Pastor of Discipleship

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, Director of Music;
Grayson Lawrence, Anna O'Neal, Ellen Stanton,
Jerry Toole, Justin Ward

PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, Digital Engagement Manager
Amy Gonzalez, Communications Director
Mary-Gates Allen, Photographer/Videographer

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

IN-PERSON & ONLINE ATTENDANCE
1,162

GIVING

Weekly Contributions Needed: \$97,535.00
Weekly Contributions Received: \$102,133.52

Year to Date Needed: \$1,463,025.00
Year to Date Received: \$1,394,077.86

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