

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026



# HUNGRY HEARTS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (11:00) Chancel Choir  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** #560  
*Help Us Accept Each Other*

## 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

## 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.**

## RESPONDING WITH OUR GENEROSITY

**OFFERTORY** Anna O'Neal  
*I Have Felt the Hand of God*

## DOXOLOGY

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

 Melanie Stewart

*At this time, kindergarten-second graders are invited to Children's Church (for a Bible lesson and fun) for the remainder of the service in Room 214. Nursery care is also available - exit right and go to the end of the hall. Activity binders can be found at the Welcome Center.*

## SCRIPTURE

John 11:30-37 (NRSVUE)

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

**ANTHEM** (11:00) Chancel Choir  
*Down to the River to Pray*

**SERMON** Rev. Maggie Dunaway  
"Hungry for a Compassionate Community"

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** (11:00)  
Judith Marie Beavers

## HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

## 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*

## POSTLUDE

**LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Maggie Dunaway  
*Pastor of Congregational Care*  
Rev. Mike Holly  
*Senior Pastor*  
Melanie Stewart,  
*Asbury KiDS Associate Director*

**MUSIC**

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

**PRODUCTION CREW**

Michael Morris, *Technical Director*  
Amy Gonzalez, *Communications Director*  
Eric Robinson, *Communications Intern*

**WORSHIP ATTENDANTS**

Amelia Rowe (11:00), *Acolyte*  
Carson Burton (11:00), *Acolyte*  
Caroline Hammock (11:00), *Bible Bearer*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**  
In-person & Online Attendance: 1,059  
**YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$985,511**  
**YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES: \$775,708**  
(through February)  
**Give today at [asburybham.org/give](https://asburybham.org/give)**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY  
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF**

**Linda Waldrop**

**GIVEN BY HER FRIENDS IN THE  
LADIES BIBLE CLASS & LOVING  
HANDS KNITTING MINISTRY**



**ORDERS FOR EASTER FLOWERS  
TO CELEBRATE OR HONOR THE  
LIFE OF A LOVED ONE ARE NOW  
BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH  
MARCH 30.**

**Easter  
Flowers**



# ASBURY Kids Spring Musical



# Lent

## DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS LENTEN EDITION THROUGH EASTER

Asbury's Spiritual Formation Team is guiding us through Lent. Take a quiet moment each day to pause, listen, and draw closer to Christ via the Daily Bread Devotionals. Listen via the Asbury Bham Meditations Podcast or scan the QR code to the right.



## WELCOME TO ASBURY!

**IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT?** Please take a teal "Connect 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 hand-crafted 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. Inside the attendance pad, you'll find a red "Prayer Request" card. Take it to the welcome center after worship. Online prayer requests can also be submitted via the QR code above.

**READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS AT ASBURY?** Visit our Next Steps area immediately following worship. If you're interested in church membership or simply getting more connected, stop by for a short conversation with a member of the pastoral team or staff.

**LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASBURY EVENTS?** Scan the QR code above, pick up an Asbury Magazine, or visit [asburybham.org/now](http://asburybham.org/now).

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### HOLY WEEK | MARCH 29 - APRIL 5

Holy Week begins on March 29 with Palm Sunday: all children are invited to wave palm branches and process into 11:00AM worship. On Thursday, April 2 Asbury has noonday and 7:00PM Maundy Thursday services commemorating the night of Jesus' last supper. A Good Friday Service of Darkness—the night Jesus was crucified—is Friday, April 3 at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. Then on Easter Sunday there are four celebratory worship opportunities— sunrise at 6:30AM, Traditional at 8:30 and 11:00AM, Modern at 11:00AM, as well as a family Easter egg hunt at 9:45AM.

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVE OPPORTUNITY

The day we celebrate Jesus' unconditional love for every single one of us, you're invited to celebrate in a different way. Asbury will be going to Church of the Reconciler to feed our unhoused neighbors Easter lunch. You can help in one of two ways: One, if you already have family coming, double the sides or desserts you're making for your holiday gathering and bring the dishes to Asbury on Saturday at 4:00PM. The other option is to join Missions Coordinator Brooke Wolde for Easter Worship at Church of the Reconciler downtown at 9:30AM and then help serve lunch afterwards.

