

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Mothers' Day



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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00) Chancel Choir
Now God Be Praised

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

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 Amy Gonzalez,
Tom Faison, Mike McGuire
Sweet Comfort

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amanda Fuller

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

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 (NRSVUE)

Though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

ANTHEM

(11:00) Chancel Choir

Love Your God With All Your Heart

SERMON

"Lean On Us"

Rev. Mike Holly

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Jesus, United By Thy Grace

#561

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. Mike Holly
Senior Pastor
Amanda Fuller
Director, Asbury KiDS

MUSIC

Nancy Beard
Director of Music
Ellen Stanton, Martha LaCroix, Justin Ward,
Amy Gonzalez, Tom Faison, Mike McGuire

PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, *Technical Director*
Amy Gonzalez, *Communications Director*

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

8:30

Geoffrey Gonzalez, *Acolyte*
Margaret Face, *Acolyte*
Audrey Face, *Bible Bearer*

11:00

Harper Armstrong, *Acolyte*
Cooper Armstrong, *Acolyte*
Jackson Norton, *Bible Bearer*

MAY 3, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-person & Online Attendance: 1036

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$1,517,004.25
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES : \$1,595,100
(through April)

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CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF**

**KAREN CREWS
POTTER**

**GIVEN BY NOMA JEANNE AND
GENE CREWS**



MUSIC CONSERVATORY

Enroll today for our summer session
(June 8 - July 24) for lessons in
piano and voice.



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The May Mission of the Month supports
Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank. Diapers
can cost more than \$100 a month and
aren't covered by any government
assistance program. Bring diapers (size
4, 5, or 6) OR give online (your money
makes a bigger impact!).



LEAVING THE BUILDING:
GO TO THE WEARY

We don't just receive rest from Jesus—we carry it to others.

Try this: Notice + Name + Lighten

- Notice someone who seems tired, overwhelmed, or stretched thin. (At work, home, school, church, etc.)
- Name it gently: “Hey, you seem like you’ve got a lot going on—how are you really doing?”
- Lighten the load in one small way:
 - Send an encouraging text or prayer
 - Offer to help with something practical
 - Sit with them and listen—no fixing, just presence

Sometimes the most Christ-like thing you can do is simply help someone catch their breath again.



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.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MOVED TO BIRMINGHAM BARONS GAME

If you volunteered with Asbury in any way in 2025—served on a committee, helped on Sunday morning, attended a missions trip—we want to officially say thank you. Valley Post, where we had our volunteer appreciation event scheduled for June 7, has unfortunately closed, but on Sunday, June 14, you’re invited to a Birmingham Barons game at 2:00 PM! Asbury is covering your ticket (yes, it’s in the shade) plus \$10 for food. Please let us if you’re coming (even if you previously RSVP’d) because this event is now open to volunteers and their families. You’ll find the sign-up form on the Asbury Now webpage.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE | MAY 28-30 | HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Asbury is honored to once again host the North Alabama Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church May 28-30. This is a meeting where clergy and laity come together to worship, learn, catch up, commission new pastors, and celebrate God’s good works happening in our local churches. If you can guide folks in the hallway, hold open the door, answer basic questions at a welcome center, or help with meal set-up or clean-up, we’d be so grateful. Even if you’ve never served in a hospitality role before, Director of Connections Angie Gongwer will go over all the details on Wednesday evening, May 27. Sign up for a shift on the Asbury Now page.

