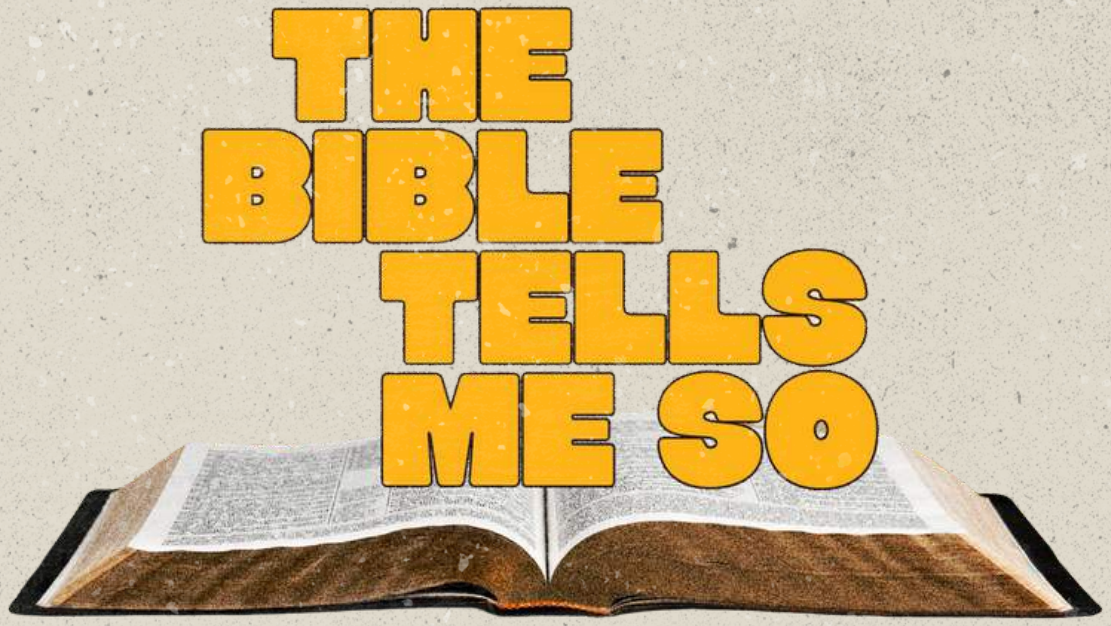




ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

Handbell Ensemble

*All Creatures of Our God and King
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00)

Chancel Choir

Enter Now

HYMN OF PRAISE

#577

God of Grace and God of Glory

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

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

Handbell Ensemble

Lord of the Dance

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amanda Fuller

At this time, rising 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

Jonah 1:1-17 (NRSVUE)

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish." The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were even more afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you. Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Trust in Jesus

Chancel Choir

SERMON

"A Whale of a Tale"

Rev. Maggie Dunaway

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#121

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

Rev. Michael Bowman

Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Amanda Fuller

Director, Asbury KiDS

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, *Director of Music*

Ellen Stanton, Grayson Lawrence,

Justin Ward, Abby Rossnagel

PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, *Tech Director*

Amy Gonzalez, *Communications Director*

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS (11:00)

Geoffrey Gonzalez, *Acolyte*

Amelia Rowe, *Acolyte*

Harper Armstrong, *Bible Bearer*



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

MARTHA E.
GLASS

GIVEN BY BEN GLASS



JULY 12, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-person & Online Attendance:
1296

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$2,119,026

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES : \$2,532,027
(through June)

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Food Pantry & Sharing Table

Asbury's food pantry is now accepting gently used clothing, household goods, toys, and more to stock our Sharing Table—a cool, air-conditioned space for our food pantry guests to fellowship, enjoy refreshments, and then get some essentials free of charge.

Donations can be brought to Asbury's Donation Corner in the Adult Ministry wing downstairs.

Email Missions Coordinator Brooke Wolde (brooke.wolde@asburybham.org) with any questions!

ISAIAH 6:8

FALL RETREAT

WHOM
SHALL I SEND?

August
14-16

2026



WELCOME TO ASBURY!

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT? Look for a teal “Connect Card” in your pew, 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. You’ll find a red “Prayer Request” card in your pew. Fill it out and 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.

