

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



TAKE THE *HIGH ROAD*



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

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

HYMN OF PRAISE #327
Crown Him With Many Crowns

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 Jim Binzer
Thank You

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Mike Holly
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 Philippians 2:3-11(NRSVUE)
Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ANTHEM (11:00) Chancel Choir
The Name of Jesus Soloists: Laura Thuirer & Tony Nichols

SERMON Rev. Mike Holly
"Give More Than You Take"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
8:30

Dorothy and Friday Nwodu

11:00
Janet Gray

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #273
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

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
Rev. Griffen Cope
Associate Pastor

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, *Director of Music*
Ellen Stanton, Grayson Lawrence,
Justin Ward, Laura Thuirer, Tony Nichols,
Jim Binzer, Anna O'Neal

PRODUCTION CREW

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS (11:00)

Geoffrey Gonzalez, *Acolyte*
Caroline Crawford, *Acolyte*
Penelope Murphy, *Bible Bearer*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF
ROSEMARY SPAIN
GIVEN BY JOE AND RENÉ SPAIN

AND HONOR

**JOHN, ANGELYN,
DARAH, & RAFE**
GIVEN BY JOYCELYN SCHMID



AUGUST 2, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-person & Online Attendance:
1,162

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$2,227,651
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES : \$2,823,969

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*Back to
School*

August Mission of the Month

Classroom Sponsorship

Know a teacher that could use some extra love? We will be sponsoring a classroom this year. Scan the QR code to the right or email Missions Coordinator Brooke Wolde (brooke.wolde@asburybham.org) to nominate a teacher to be our 2026-2027 classroom of the year!





TOGETHER SUNDAY

AUGUST 23, 2026

ASBURY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Did you know? 82% of unchurched people would attend church if a friend invited them, but only 2% of church members actively invite an unchurched person in any given year (Source: Carey Nieuwhof). **On Sunday, August 23, Asbury UMC is having Together Sunday.** It's a day when we celebrate our community, and we'd love for you to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Asbury is a warm, inviting place and we want everyone to experience it. We won't call attention to guests besides making them feel welcome, and there are no expectations. We'll also have muffins, coffee, new merch, and everyone that comes to Together Sunday gets a t-shirt!

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.

