



TAKE THE *HIGH ROAD*



PRELUDE Handbell Ensemble
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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

HYMN OF PRAISE #154
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(Verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

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

CALL TO PRAYER Handbell Ensemble
Be Still, My Soul

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 Ranea Breen
Hymn Medley

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Maggie Dunaway

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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 Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE)
Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

ANTHEM (11:00) Chancel Choir
A Place for Healing Grace

SERMON Rev. Mike Holly
"Don't Keep Score"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #389
Freely, Freely

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. Maggie Dunaway
Pastor of Congregational Care

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, *Director of Music*
Ellen Stanton, Grayson Lawrence,
Justin Ward, Ranea Breen, Sara James

Handbell Ensemble: Bob Batson, Laura Thuirer,
Denise Nolen, Marian Morris, Nancy Beard

PRODUCTION CREW

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS (11:00)

Eloise Adams, *Acolyte*
Carson Burton, *Acolyte*
Jackson Norton, *Bible Bearer*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF
TIM BREEN
GIVEN BY RANEA BREEN



AUGUST 9, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-person & Online Attendance:
1,183

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$2,339,681
YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES : \$2,974,835

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FALL SOCCER PRACTICE BEGINS AUG 31!



Hospitality LUNCH & LEARN

August 23 · 12:15 pm · Room 144





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.

