

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

June 13, 2021

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Pastor Sallyanne McVay

Worship Leader: Madeline Moseley

Community Worship Online and in the Sanctuary

Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Ringing of the Church Bell

Choral Introit

"I'll Fly Away"

Merritt, Gary, Scott & Rick

Call to Worship

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us and among us; come as the wind and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to thy greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

*Hymn #474

"Precious Lord" Vs. 1, 2, & 3

*Gloria Patri #70

♩ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Amen.

Announcements and Bread Tin Offering for Nothing But Nets

Prayer for Illumination:

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, my ears, my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

³⁴ Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Samuel Anoints David

16 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.”¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

A Time for the Children

Special Music

“Wayfarin’ Stranger”

Merritt, Gary, Scott & Rick

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Sermon:

God has Provided

#888 Affirmation from I Corinthians

Prayers of the People

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.

*Offering and Doxology #95

♪Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Hymn #294

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" Vs 1, 2 & 5

Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude

"Rondeau"

*Please stand as you are able.

Prayer Requests

Kathy, Marcia Morehead's sister, is receiving her 4th treatment for ovarian cancer.

John Finney, a friend of Lee Kucera, is having problems after a heart valve replacement.

Betsy Rhodes, a long-time teacher at Jones School, has pancreatic cancer. She had surgery on Wednesday.

Georgia Karr, Mardy and SueLane's mom, and **Sarah Virginia Ralston** are in nursing homes and still have limited contact with the outside world.

Announcements

A Love Offering will be taken up for the next two Sundays, June 13th through June 20th for Sallyanne and Connie. Cash or checks (payable to Asbury Memorial-designated to Love Offering) can be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the church office. The Love Offerings will be presented on Sunday, June 27th. This will be Sallyanne's last Sunday and we will honor her with a picnic following the service. Connie's son, Michael will also be with us for this service. Michael has done so much to bring music to our services during COVID times.

Dear Asbury family,

Thanks so very much for the wonderful day on May 30 when you all made me feel like the most special woman on earth. I was totally unaware that a celebration of my years of service to the preschool would be a part of the service. I was excited that it was Peace with Justice Sunday and had no idea it would be an even more meaningful Sunday for me. I feel blessed to have such a thoughtful, caring church family, just as I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to be the director of North Asheville Preschool of Asbury all those years ago.

Thanks again for such a lovely day and all your support over the decades.

With love and gratitude,

Madeline

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for being in attendance at Mom's celebration of life (and even if you weren't able to attend, we felt your presence in our hearts). It meant a lot to the family, and it was especially helpful to Dad. He has done remarkably well; on Saturday he still had energy and positive thoughts even after a long and emotional day. He's now settled back into his home in Asheville.

Mom surely was smiling down on all the memories, laughter and fellowship during her Celebration of Life~ her wishes NOT to have a somber, mournful event were fulfilled a hundred times over. It was wonderful to see everyone, especially "back home" at Salem United Methodist Church! Before returning to Asheville) we took Dad back to Sunday morning's in-person worship service at Salem where he received more hugs, kind words, thoughtful reflections on Mom, and a happy flood of memories from their lives of service to Salem. And he is looking forward to being back with his Asbury UMC friends

In the event that some folks didn't have a chance to see the video slideshow of Mom's life, I'm attaching a link for you below. Each time we watch it, it inspires us to pursue a life well-lived, just as Nan lived.

<https://youtu.be/2HOPSLJBfWE>

We send everyone our love and peace as we continue to navigate the world without our dear Nan. But, as I said yesterday, she knows there is little time for tears when you fill your days with love, laughter, fellowship and good deeds.

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Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church exists to
Inspire Christian discipleship in others and ourselves
Reach out to others in love and service
Create opportunities for personal spiritual growth
Celebrate God's love through worship
Be a creative, supportive fellowship