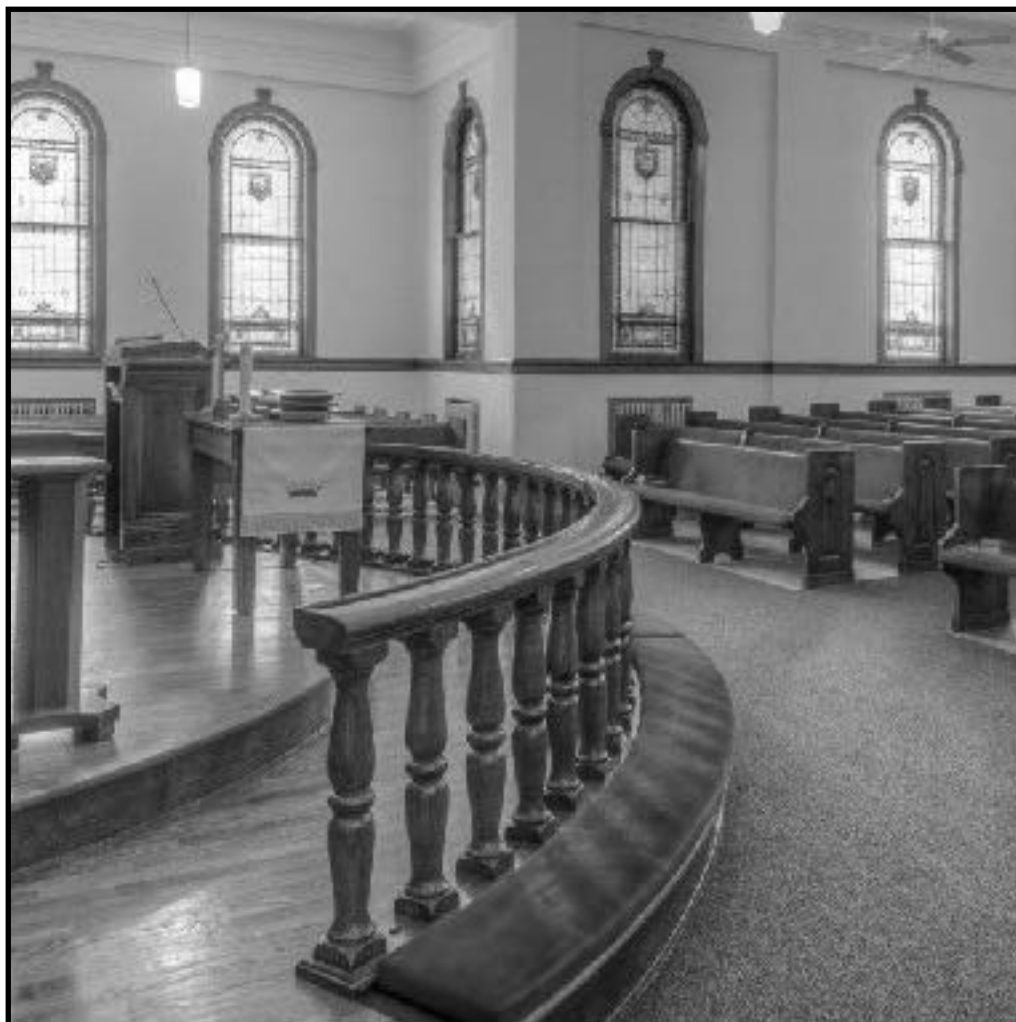


Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

July 11th 2021,

7th Sunday After Pentecost



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Reconciling Statement of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Asheville, NC

This committed congregation of The United Methodist Church welcomes people of every race, nationality, age, sex, socio-economic status, ability, marital status or family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, previous or no faith experience, and those of differing viewpoints. And, we are working to move The United Methodist Church as a whole to do the same.

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell and Lighting of the Candles

Prelude

Ringling of The Church Bell

Introit My Tribute, Scott Glenn

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Holy God, we sit down with our sharpened pencils,
to chart out the longitude and latitude of your grace

People: Yet we keep running out of paper.

Leader: We tie a string around each sin, dropping them into your sea of forgiveness,

People: And we discover we can never plumb its depths.

Leader: We scramble and scrape, push and pummel ourselves
from dawn to dusk on our self-planned journey,

People: Only to find we are at the starting point of your Way;

Leader: Give us a new mind and heart this day to look beyond limits and see your boundless nature.

People: Hear us Lord, Amen.

Opening Hymn #369

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

#881 The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Children’s Moment

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs, Chancel Choir

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

**♪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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Austin McNeil

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-8 (New Living Translation)
Kelley Woehl

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Sermon

Chasing The Carrot

Closing Hymn #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

The service will be followed by a covered dish luncheon downstairs in the fellowship hall hosted by the Friendship Circle. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Jeff McCumber to our church family.

Order for the Celebration of Appointment

Leader:

Dear friends, today we welcome Jeff McCumber, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor.

We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our Bishop, Paul Leeland.

Jeff, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor:

Today, I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader to congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Jeff in these ministries?

Congregation:

We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Leader:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

Congregation:

who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Leader:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Jeff as our pastor. Give him and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Then the pastor may take from the Lord's table the stole left by the previous pastor or deacon, put it on, and say:

Pastor:

This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself.

Congregation:

**May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

Leroy Farr is battling esophageal cancer.

Betty Gaddy had a procedure on last Friday to relieve the pain she's been suffering from trigeminal neuralgia.

Larry Parks is cancer-free!

Note: If you have a prayer concern you are going to raise in church and/or would like included in the prayer chain, Jennifer can do a much better job of including correct information and details if you send her an email by church time Sunday morning. Thanks!

- BREAD TIN FOR JULY -

Once again our focus for the bread tin for July will be buying school supplies for Jones School, our neighborhood school. So many children will be coming back to school without having had an ideal school experience this last year, so equipping them for the coming year becomes even more crucial. Please give generously as we continue our efforts to level the playing field for all of those children who attend Jones.

Dear Asbury Members,

The annual CROP Walk will take place this year on September 26. I have registered our team, the Asbury Striders. I hope you'll join by going to this page: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/asbury-striders> Joining online will permit you to raise money through the website as well as person-to-person.

Asbury has a proud tradition in the CROP Walk. For several years we have raised the second highest total donations for this worthy cause. Let's carry on that tradition by walking, collecting and giving to make lives better!

Merritt Moseley

Asbury Memorial 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

