

# Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

October 17, 2021

21st 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

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

“We Gather Together”

Ringling of The Church Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

Holy God, before time you named us  
Through time you redeem us  
You call us, precious in your sight  
**May we love as you love.**

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives  
be food for the hungry, bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water  
**May we love as you love.**

God of justice, remove the chaff  
of our lives that keep us from hearing and following Your call  
**May we love as you love.**

Loving God, take this day our fears,  
our worries, distractions, and turn them into wheat.  
May you grow love where there was once scarcity  
**May we love as you love. Amen**

❖Opening Hymn #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

❖#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.**

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

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”  
Connie Kilpatrick, Accompanist  
Marti Dushak, Flute

❖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 & Bread Tin Offering

*Please place special offering in bread tin at the front of the sanctuary.  
October offerings support UNICEF.  
See announcements to see this month's special missional offering.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24 (NLT)

**11** To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. **12** The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

**13** “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. **14** About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. **15** He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. **16** The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

**17** “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! **18** I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, **19** and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’”

**20** “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. **21** His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

**22** “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. **23** And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, **24** for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

Sermon, Guest Speaker Rev. Dustin Burrow

The Love of Courage

❖Closing Hymn #374

“Standing on the Promises”

❖Benediction

❖Congregational Response

“Be Strong and Take Courage”

Please join the choir in the choral response:

**Be strong and take courage, do not fear or be dismayed.  
For the Lord will go before you, and His light will show the way.  
Be strong and take courage, do not fear or be dismayed.  
For the one who lives within you, will be strong in you today.**

Postlude

If you are visiting with us today,  
we are glad you are here!

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card  
found in the front of the pews.

You may place it in the offering plate as it circulates.

THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

Sunday, October 17

11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]

5:00 pm Church Council Meeting [Brown Chapel]

5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

7:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Monday

7:00 am- Emmaus Group-Men [Choir Room]

3:00 pm- Emmaus Group-Women [Choir Room]

Tuesday

10:00-1:00- Office Hours

4:00- Sermon Talk-Back [Brown Chapel]

Wednesday

Weekly Word Deadline 9:00 a.m.

5:00-7:00 Office Hours

7:00 pm-Choir Practice [Choir Room]

7:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Thursday

10:00-1:00- Office Hours

Friday

7:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday

Sunday, October 24

11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]

12:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting [Sanctuary]

2:00 pm Charge Conference [TBA]

5:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

7:00 pm- Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

### STAY CONNECTED

- PASTOR JEFF OFFICE HOURS -

Tuesdays: 10am -Noon & 1:30 - 5:00pm

Thursdays: 10am -Noon & 1:30 - 3:30pm

If you would like to setup a meeting with Pastor Jeff  
during office hours or outside of office hours, feel free  
to email him at [jmccumber@wnccumc.net](mailto:jmccumber@wnccumc.net)

The Weekly Word is a publication sent out every  
Wednesday with more detailed information on  
upcoming events, news, and important information. If  
you would like to be included in The Weekly Word or  
have information to share, please email  
[churchoffice@asburymethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@asburymethodist.org)  
Deadline for sending information is Wed. by 9am.

### -BREAD TIN FOR OCTOBER-

The October bread tin collection will go to UNICEF, the  
United Nations International Children's Emergency  
Fund. Because of COVID restrictions, there will be no  
orange boxes for collecting on Halloween, as we have  
done for years, but we can still help by pitching into the  
bread tin. UNICEF began after the end of WWII to help  
children in war-torn countries, but it expanded in 1950 to  
aid children all over the world with programs dealing  
with health and nutrition, education, safety, human  
rights, and general welfare. Even today UNICEF is  
getting vaccinations to some of the most remote areas  
and some of the most dangerous areas of the world for  
children old enough to be vaccinated.

Please give generously!



We are asked to lift these persons up in prayer:

- Elaine's brother-in-law, **Charles Cathey**, who is recovering from pneumonia and has learned of the return of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- **Jennifer Keeney**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Our Music Director, **Marti**, who fell this week and is dealing with pain
- **Bill Molloy**, who suffered 2 broken ribs from a fall in his home
- **Doug Tallent** as the doctors continue to work toward establishing a diagnosis and treatment plan
- **Elizabeth Foster** as she recovers from successful lung surgery

Another 220 years of service to the Glory of God for  
Asbury Memorial UMC.

A nursery (infant-2 yrs old) is provided during our  
worship service. Children's Church (an extended lesson  
and free time for children 3 yrs old through 1st grade)  
dismisses after the Children's Moment.

These children may be picked up by the Nursery  
after worship concludes.

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

