

## Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor from another congregation, we extend to you our greetings and hope you will join us again. If you are living in the Quad City area, and are not active in a church, we invite you to consider becoming active with us.

**Large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

Located in each narthex, are details about activities of the church. Help yourself to the information. The church newsletter, **Good News**, lists current ministries and programs.

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**Thank You to our Second Year Confirmation Students  
for assisting with worship**



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### Looking Ahead ...

**Lenten Sermon Series:** March 1 - April 5  
*Entering The Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine

**Maundy Thursday Service:** April 9 at 7:00pm

**Good Friday Service:** April 10 at 7:00pm

**Easter Morning Services:** April 12 at 8:30am, 9:50am & 11:00am

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#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m. — Noon  
1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m. — Noon



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**Asbury**  
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*Jesus is the Bridge™*

February 26, 2020  
7:00 pm

# Asbury United Methodist Church

Passionately serving in the world because God so loved the world.

Ash Wednesday - Purple - A Time for Prayer & Fasting

## GOD'S PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

Prelude "A Lenten Meditation" - E. Broughton  
Greetings, Introductions, Announcements  
Explanation of the Ash Wednesday Service  
Silent Preparation for Worship

### Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever!**

\*Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs 1,3,4 #269

### \*Unison Prayer

**O God, Maker of everything and Judge of all that You have made, from the dust of the earth You have formed us and from the dust of death You would raise us up. By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of Your calling; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*Response "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs 5 #269

## READING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Scripture Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Response "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" vs 1 #351

Second Scripture Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Response "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #2200

Third Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Response: Thanks be to God!

Ash Wednesday Meditation  
Response "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" vs 2 #351

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

**Thanksgiving Over the Ashes**

**Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and genuine sorrow and remorse for our sins, so that we may remember that only by Your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Imposition of Ashes "Give Me a Clean Heart" - 3 times #2133  
"Stay with Me" #2198  
(Sing until all have received ashes)

**Psalm of Confession Psalm 51:1-17**

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

**Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.**

Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

**For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.**

Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

**For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.**

But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

**Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.

**Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

**Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

**Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.**

Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.

**Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.**

You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering.

**The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.**

All sing "O Lamb of God" UMH page 30

*(Silent Confession)*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To You, O Lord!**

**Offering Ourselves for Observance of Lenten Discipline**

Offertory "Jesus Paid It All" – J. Grape/M. Hayes

\*Prayer of Dedication (David Bell)

**Sovereign Lord, You call us to give generously as a way of expressing our love to You. On this Ash Wednesday, we strive to strengthen our spiritual commitment. One of those commitments is our act of giving. Use this offertory moment to help us reflect on this spiritual commitment. In so doing, may we discover opportunities to grow as Your followers during this season of Lent. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.**

**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.**

\*Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" vs 1,2,3 #395

Spoken Benediction

\*Congregational Benediction "Jesus, Remember Me" #488

\*Time of Silent Prayer

*You are invited to pray in your seats or at the rail.  
When you leave, please leave in silence.*