

HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "Postlude on Kirken" David Laskey

**Congregation stands as able*

WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***Our Vision** is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.*

"Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and share God's love with others."

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.

LAST WEEK
Attendance: 15

Offering for October 18, 2020
\$1,200.00



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ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **21st Sunday after Pentecost** **October 25, 2020** **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP** **10:15 A.M.**

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Deo Gracias'" Brenda Portman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

People: In God's realm, we will find healing and hope.

Leader: We are called to be people who love as God has loved us, reaching out with God's love to all.

People: Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those within our reach. AMEN.

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 90

Response: God, you are my refuge and my strength, a present help in trouble.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or You brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, O mortal ones!"

For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. (Response)

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath, our years come to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are threescore and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger, the awesomeness of your wrath?

So teach us to number our days that we may receive a heart of wisdom. (Response)

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands;

Yes establish the work of our hands. (Response)

GLORIA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, ³⁵ and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. ³⁶ “Teacher,” he asked, “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and the most important

commandment. ³⁹ The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments.” ⁴¹ When some Pharisees gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant, is he?” “He is David's descendant,” they answered. ⁴³ “Why, then,” Jesus asked, “did the Spirit inspire David to call him ‘Lord’? David said, ⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: sit here at my right side until I put your enemies under your feet.’ ⁴⁵ If, then, David called him ‘Lord,’ how can the Messiah be David's descendant?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give Jesus any answer, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “God, Love, and Our Neighbor”

HYMN “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
Colin Curtis

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of all we see and all that we cannot see: Give us this day a glimpse of the complexities of the world and the simplicity of living our lives centered in you; loving you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors well. Bless the gifts we offer you; but in our giving, help us focus on these other more basic gifts. May the love we show you and others be a testimony of whom we follow and who is worthy of our devotion. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.