

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4th Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE “Thine Be the Glory” Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and worship! We are here, with God’s Spirit among us.

People: **God reveals God’s self to us today;**

Leader: As the Good Shepherd, giver of rest and comfort;

People: **As the Holy Lamb, worthy of our eternal praise;**

Leader: As the giver of new life, and new hope.

People: **We are here, with God’s Spirit among us.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

***HYMN** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” #304 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus our Lord, we ask for your forgiveness – for what we have done, but shouldn’t have; for what we should have done, but didn’t. We yearn to hear your voice, Gentle Shepherd, but listen to our own voices instead. We want to care for our neighbors, to comfort them when they hurt, to give what we have to people who have less, but we choose to hoard our resources and time. Forgive us, Lord, and help us forgive ourselves. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE READING	Psalm 23 <i>Response #2</i>	#754 UMH
*GLORIA		#71 UMH
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		#881 UMH
THE FIRST READING	Acts 9:36-43	NT #160
*THE GOSPEL READING	John 10:22-30	NT #131

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I and My Father Are One"

***HYMN** "Close to Thee" #407 UMH

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" David Willcocks

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "This Joyful Eastertide" Keith Kolander

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, we give our gifts to you now, knowing that you transform our earthly offerings into heavenly blessings. May we desire to hear and know your voice that we may worship you night and day, and fall down before your throne. In your name, through the power of your Spirit, we pray together. Amen.

***HYMN** "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" #325 UMH

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Savior, Breathe Your Blessing" T. Didden
Following the blessing you may be seated as the candles are extinguished.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE "Christ Hath Burst His Prison!" Gilbert M. Martin

**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.



In Memory of: Walt & Bernice McCoy

Given by: The Sheridan Family

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Wendy Kinsey

Scripture Reader: Ed Schulz

Organist: Tedd Didden

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 39

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$ 1,113.00
Plate	6.00
Heater Campaign	265.00
Ministry of Kindness	10.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 1,399.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carol Gajewski (*Nina's Mother*), Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Golden Living Center, 25 W 5th ST, Lansdale PA 19446; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 W Valley Forge RD, King of Prussia, PA 19406; **Thelma Smee**, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville RD, Hockessin, DE 19707; **Bill Swier**, Regina Nursing Home, RM 211, 550 E Fornance ST, Norristown, PA 19401; Ellen (**Jane**) **Westhafer**, Parkhouse, 1600 Black Rock RD, Royersford 19468; Elizabeth (**Betty**) **Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B-wing/B31B

PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT & HEALING: Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Robin Blattner & the Blattner Family, Stephen, Matt & Will Deering, Scotti DeMartinis & Jenny & Family, Jessie Emerson, David Frees, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Marian Giangiulio; Rachel Good, Shirley Jefferis, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Roger Layne, Eileen Lenzi, Bill McCarron, Family of Thelma McCaughey, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Linda Swier, Clarence Swire, Earl Walter

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES:
Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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