

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

**PRELUDE** “We Come as Guests Invited” Emma Lou Diemer

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

**People:** Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

**Leader:** The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

**People:** Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

**Leader:** Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

**All:** We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

**\*HYMN** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” #152, UMH

**OPENING PRAYER**

**THE FIRST READING** Jeremiah 18:1-11 OT, #781

**\*THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 14:25-33 NT, #98

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** “The Potter”

**\*HYMN** “More Love to Thee, O Christ” #453, UMH

## CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.  
*Please audibly name those for whom you are interceding.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Sing to the Lord” A. Vivaldi/H. Hopson  
Asbury Men’s Quartet:  
Ed Schulz, Tedd Didden, Dennis McCoy, and Bill Gildea

## THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “Work, for the Night is Coming” Tedd Didden  
**DOXOLOGY** #95, UMH

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, our Creator, you are the potter who shaped and formed each of us. Through your word and spirit, you continue to mold us over the course of our lives. We present our tithes and offerings from the fruit of our labors. May our gifts support the ministries of this church, bringing renewal to people made in your image. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. (*Jeremiah 18:1-11*)

\***HYMN** “Become to Us the Living Bread” #630, UMH

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II** #12, UMH  
Musical Setting A #17, UMH  
*Ours is an open Communion Table and all who believe are welcome to partake. We serve unfermented grape juice that all may participate.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\***HYMN** “God Will Take Care of You” #130, UMH

## BENEDICTION

*Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished*

**POSTLUDE** “Come Labor On” Lani Smith

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\***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  
& 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:** Loved Ones  
**Given by:** Kaye Mervine

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## **WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Liturgist:** Brook Myers  
**Scripture Reader:** Faith Myers  
**Organist:** Tedd Didden

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## ***LAST WEEK***

**ATTENDANCE: 36**

**Please remember to sign in each Sunday.**

**OFFERING:**

Envelope (General)	\$ 2,087.00
Plate	67.00
Flowers	90.00
Miscellaneous	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,284.00</b>

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Carol Gajewski**, Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Golden Living Center, 25 W 5<sup>th</sup> 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; Elizabeth(**Betty**) **Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B32B

**PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT & HEALING:** Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Robin Blattner & the Blattner Family, Ben & Dolores Cull, Stephen, Matt & Will Deering, Scotti DeMartinis & Jenny & Family, William Eliasson, Jessie Emerson, David Frees, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Marian Giangiulio, Cecelia Hampton-Fitzgerald, Mary Ann Keating, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Roger Layne, Eileen Lenzi, Marilyn Lewis, Bill McCarron, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Henry Solis, Linda Swier, Jim Thompson, Earl Walter, and Wayne Wylie, Sr.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES:**

Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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