

**\*HYMN** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine in-most substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ  
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Come, Labor On" Lani Smith

*\*Congregation stands as able*

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## **ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2020**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**10:15 A.M.**

**PRELUDE** "O Thou, in Whose Presence" James Boeringer

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING**

**\*HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

**OPENING PRAYER**

**THE FIRST READING** Exodus 12:1-14

**12** The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt: <sup>2</sup>"This month is to be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Give these instructions to the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must choose either a lamb or a young goat for his household. <sup>4</sup>If his family is too small to eat a whole animal, he and his next-door neighbor may share an animal, in proportion to the number of people and the amount that each person can eat. <sup>5</sup>You

may choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a one-year-old male without any defects. <sup>6</sup> Then, on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, the whole community of Israel will kill the animals. <sup>7</sup> The people are to take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses in which the animals are to be eaten. <sup>8</sup> That night the meat is to be roasted, and eaten with bitter herbs and with bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, but eat it roasted whole, including the head, the legs, and the internal organs. <sup>10</sup> You must not leave any of it until morning; if any is left over, it must be burned. <sup>11</sup> You are to eat it quickly, for you are to be dressed for travel, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. It is the Passover Festival to honor me, the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> “On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every first-born male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians. <sup>14</sup> You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the LORD, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come.”

**\*THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you,<sup>[a]</sup> go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that ‘every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses,’ as the scripture says. <sup>17</sup> And if he will not listen to them, then tell the whole thing to the church. Finally, if he will not listen to the church, treat him as though he were a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> “And so I tell all of you: what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> “And I tell you more: whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger

**CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;  
let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
for God hath bid all humankind.

2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call;  
the invitation is to all.  
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou!  
All things in Christ are ready now.

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**