

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Sunday September 28, 2020
Community Worship under the Trees and Online

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Introit

Call to Worship: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great – God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community. Let us worship God today, for God is good – God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us. Let us worship God today – Because we are God’s people. Let us worship God.

Hymn *Morning Has Broken*

A Modern Affirmation: **We believe in God** the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. **We believe in Jesus Christ**, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. **We believe in the Holy Spirit** as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Announcements and Bread Tin Offering for UMCOR Hurricane/Fire Relief

Prayer for Illumination: Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

Hymn: *Are Ye Able*

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30 and Sermon

Prayers of the People

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, for ever. Amen

Offering and Doxology

Hymn *We Three Kings*

Benediction and Choral Response

#185 When Morning Gilds the Skies
(Congregation sings)

1. When morning gilds the skies
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

#530 Are Ye Able
(Congregation sings)

1. "Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

Refrain:

**Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.**

2. Are ye able to remember,
when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise?

(Refrain)

3. Are ye able when the shadows
close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend your soul to God?

(Refrain)

4. Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee.

(Refrain)

#254 We Three Kings Vs. 1,2,3
(Congregation sings)

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

**O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.**

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

[Refrain]

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.

[Refrain]

Benediction Response

#221 In the Bleak Midwinter Verse 4
(Congregation sings)

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Worship Service Schedule

Outside on the lawn of the north graveyard
and on Zoom

If it is rainy only the Zoom service will proceed.

October 4 – 10:00am (Note time change;
anticipating cooler weather)

October 11 – 10:00am (Note time change;
anticipating cooler weather);

Homecoming (Bring bag lunches - the Church
will provide individual drinks)

October 11 - 2:30 Charge Conference on
Zoom with our sister Asheville churches.