

\*HYMN: "Ye Servants of God" #181  
sung to the tune LYONS (#73)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

**Our home bound and nursing home residents:** Bill Lennon, Ellie Cerow, Jean Luttmann, Stevie Mider and Gertrude Ives.

**Others:** Laura Davis, David Forbes father, Mary Malone and the family of Phyllis Sayers.

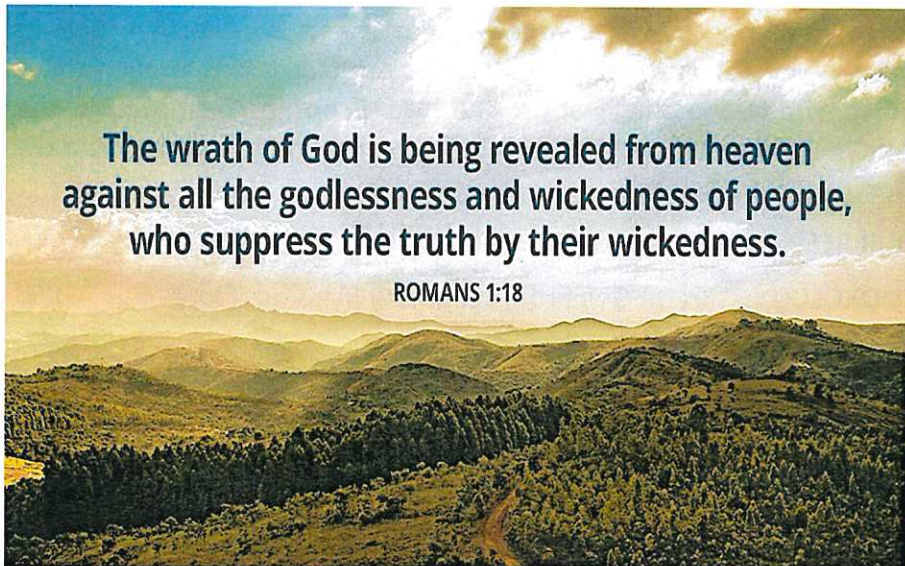
**WELCOME CENTER:** First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

**WEEKLY INFORMATION:**

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 58  
Online: 72  
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 414  
2022 Year-to-Date Total: 3,260

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

Organist: Bina West  
Chapel Service: Benjamin Rudd



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 27, 2022; 8:15 A.M.**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Benjamin Rudd is preaching**  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Lord, God, we come here today to draw closer and worship you.

**People: We acknowledge that since the Fall, people have been running and hiding from you.**

Leader: Our human nature and frailty sometimes leads us to conclusions that deny you and your goodness, relevance in our daily lives, and sometimes your existence; even when the truth is right in front of our face.

**People: We know that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Help us remember that "your ways are higher than our ways," but also that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**  
**All: Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LAMP/PRAYER FOR PEACE

\*HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #154

\*OPENING PRAYER:

**(All) Father God, help us to remember that this world we live in is temporary and that You are eternal. We, like all people, are prone to become near-sighted and think that what we can see, hear, taste, smell, and feel are the real things. Sometimes we may be tempted to focus on what we should do with our stuff and how we can use it to insulate ourselves from the harsh realities of this fallen creation. Give us renewed focus on things that really matter and how we can further your kingdom here on Earth. You have given us many good and wonderful things here on Earth, but they are nothing compared to what you have in store for us in Heaven. We humbly present these requests in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 53: 1-5a (read responsively)

Leader: The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

**People: They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.**

Leader: God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand,

**People: any who seek God.**

Leader: Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt;

**People: there is no one who does good, not even one.**

Leader: Do all these evildoers know nothing?

**People: They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on God.**

Leader: But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, where there was nothing to dread.

HYMN: "Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose" #153

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3: 10-15 and Romans 1: 18-22

MESSAGE: "Atheistic Humanism is Not New, Fresh, or Progressive"

GOD SIGHTINGS/JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS TO US

\*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**(All) We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.**





**ASBURY UMC**  
*Opportunities  
 to Share Our Love  
 for God  
 and Each Other*



*This Week*

*February 27 - March 6, 2022*

**BLANKET SUNDAY - TODAY**

The Church World Service Blanket Sunday program was created to give a kind and loving tangible response to someone facing a difficult time. **Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin today, which will then be collected. The cost of one blanket is \$10.**

Please give generously. Thank you.

- *The Mission Committee* -

**Sunday, March 6th - Pot-Luck Luncheon**

**After the Main Worship Service**

**In Wesley Hall**

**Bring a dish to pass!**

(Place settings, drinks, and birthday cake will be provided)

*Scripture of the Week*

*"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name  
 in all the Earth."*

- Psalm 8:1-

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



**Mar. 2 Jean Gianfagna**  
**Mar. 3 Brendan Smith**



**Meetings**

**Staff Meeting @ Parlor**

- Monday, February 28: 10:15 A.M.

**Church Council Meeting via Zoom**

- Tuesday, March 1: 6:30 P.M.

**Opportunities to Share**

**Asbury Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary**

- Monday, February 28: 6:15 P.M.

**Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room**

- Wednesday, March 2: 9:00 A.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**

- Wednesday, March 2: 11:00 A.M.

**Junior Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary**

- Wednesday, March 2: 4:30 P.M.

**Lenten Study w/Rev. Laura via Zoom**

- Wednesday, March 2: 7:00 P.M.

**Tai Chi Class @ Wesley Hall**

- Thursday, March 3: 10:00 A.M.

**Agape Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary**

- Thursday, March 3: 6:15 P.M.

**You're Not Alone Support Group @ Parlor**

- Thursday, March 3: 7:00 P.M.

**Choir Practice @ Choir Room**

- Thursday, March 3: 7:15 P.M.

**Asbury Book Club @ Parlor**

- Friday, March 4: 9:30 A.M.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP**

- Saturday, March 5: 9:00 A.M.

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*To Make Disciples for  
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*To Inspire People of All  
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and Lead Through Worship,  
Education, and Service.*

### THE ASBURY MOTTO

*No Matter Where You Are  
on Life's Journey,  
You Are Welcome Here!*

## *Join Us Next Sunday, March 6th*

### Worship Services:

**8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:**

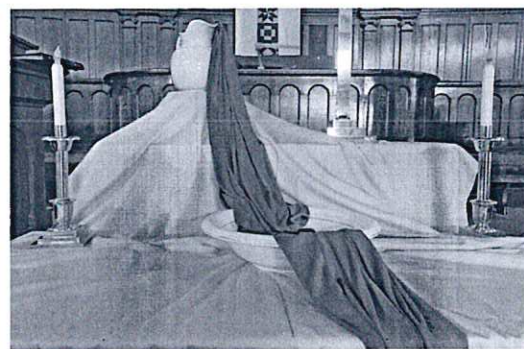
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**10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:**

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon: "Zacchaeus"



## **"If God Is Love Don't Be a Jerk: Finding a Faith That Makes Us Better Humans."**

Lenten Study - Led by Rev. Laura Calos

Six Week Study @ Parlor and via Zoom

Starting Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Final class is Wednesday, April 6, 2022



In this book, the author, John Pavlovitz, challenges the church and more particularly the Christians from which the church is comprised, to live out their faith in ways that are loving and redemptive. He forcefully pokes holes in our assumptions about those who are included in the beloved society and those who are not. He challenges us on what "loving our neighbor as ourselves" must really look like, if we are to be genuine to this commandment. His writing made me uncomfortable at times, because it brought to light those places where I need to expand my faith and practice. I want to invite you to come and be uncomfortable with me. We'll grow together.

You can purchase the book in a number of formats through Amazon.com. It comes as a paperback, as an audiobook and as a kindle.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.