

**Welcome to Asbury United Methodist Church**

**September 20, 2026**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE** **Emiko Nadimi**

**\*CENTERING SONG:** Billy Alston  
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" **UMH 334**  
"We Have Come Into This House"  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 95**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** **Rev. Donna**

**Leader:** Family of God, who are you?

**People:** We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** Family of God, how does Jesus form you?

**People:** By loving us and showing us how to love.

**Leaders:** Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?

**People:** By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.

**Leader:** Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**People:** We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen

**\*OPENING SONG** "Leaning of the Everlasting Arms" **UMH 133**

**OPENING PRAYER:** **Rev. Donna**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING:** "All Things Come of Thee: **UMH 588**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Living God, open our ears to hear Your Word and our hearts to receive it. As the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, teach us what it means to love You completely and our neighbors as ourselves. Do not allow Your Word merely to inform us; let it transform us. Give us courage to practice what we hear, so that our compassion, generosity, justice, and mercy become evidence of Christ among us. Speak, Lord. Your people are listening. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**  
**OLD TESTAMENT**  
**NEW TESTAMENT**

**Karen Smith**  
**Leviticus 19:9-18**  
**Mark 12:28-34**  
**John 13:34-35**  
**Pastor Barnes**

**SERMON** "Love That Can't Be Seen"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** **Pastor Barnes**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" **UMH 521**

**\*BENEDICTION**

When love reigns, the world will change. Be the love that the world needs for the kingdom to become our beloved realm. Go, in the assurance that the God of Love, who is Love, is with you.

**\*THREE-FOLD AMEN** **UMH 898**

**POSTLUDE** Carrying Our Light into the World

JOIN US IN PRAYER  
(Please continue to Pray)

Intercessory prayers:

- Continued prayers for our nation's return to its true source of Hope in Jesus Christ.
- Prayers for Sis. Kathy Ricker
- Continued praise for Bro. Roger's successful and steady recovery.
- Continued praise for Bro. Bruce and Sis. Brenda's successful and steady recovery.
- Continued praise for Bros. John, Jason, and Taylor. Glory to God for their souls.
- Continued praise for Bro. Steve's successful and steady recovery.
- Continued praise for Bro. Tom's successful and steady recovery.
- Sister Virginia's recovery and adaptation to her recent move to Birmingham Green, 8605 Centreville Rd, Manassas, VA 20110.
- Prayers for Chuck & Denise Gurley's health and God's favor in the lives, health, and human condition of their family.
- Pray for those affected by natural disasters, man-imposed disasters, and trauma worldwide.
- Brother John and Sister Nancy Paganoni are still fighting to regain good health. Praise their recovery and positive progress.
- Continued prayers and praise for Susan's sister's health recovery.
- Prayers for Marla's pancreatic cancer. The Lord's favor!

Did you remember to pray this morning?

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