Mission Statement

Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.

Vision

A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God’s love throughout the world.

Beliefs

We believe all are created in the image of God. We believe God loves everyone and through Christ saves-revives-renews the world. We believe God through the Holy Spirit changes lives. We believe the church is the body of Christ with a mission. We believe the Bible is the word of God. We believe that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God. We believe discipleship is a continuing journey.
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / WOMEN’S DAY
THEME: “WOMEN UNITED TO TRANSFORM LIVES”
March 14, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE “Living for Jesus”
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Travis
CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Travis
WELCOME & THE OCCASION Elizabeth Saunders
GREETING Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr.
Greater Washington District Superintendent
MORNING HYMN “To God Be the Glory” (98 UMH)
MORNING PRAYER Brenda Beasley
PRAYER RESPONSE “Sweet Hour of Prayer”
Jordanne Semper-Scott, Violinist
SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 1:15-20, Luke 8:1-3 Tange Mills
MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Total Praise” The Ford Singers
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Dr. Wilhelmina D. Goff
Asbury United Methodist Women, President
LITURGICAL DANCE Brandye Lee
THE MESSAGE “Women United”
Dr. Christina Greer
Associate Professor of Political Science
Fordham University
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
INVITATION TO GIVE Carol Travis
OFFERTORY “Hallelujah You're Worthy” The Ford Singers
REMARKS & THANKSGIVING Jacqueline Boozer
Asbury United Methodist Women, Treasurer
SENDING HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (381 UMH)
Benediction Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
POSTLUDE “He’s Sweet I Know”

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Minister of Music: Everett P. Williams, Jr.
Asbury Singers: Miriam Dixon, Sharleen Bradford-Kavestki, Adrienne Neal-Harris, Eunice Minor, Martrice Green, Carol Arledge-Clomax, Dawn Robinson, Randolph Scott, Darnell Roulhac, Akeem Adams, Kevin Green, and Andrew Smith
Guest Singers: The Fords
To God Be the Glory

Verse 1
To God be the glory, great things he hath done:  
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Verse 2
Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3
Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Verse 1
Savior, like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need Thy tender care  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use Thy folds prepare

Verse 4
Early let us seek Thy favor  
Early let us do Thy will  
Blessed Lord and only Savior  
With Thy love our bosoms fill

Refrain
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Thou hast loved us, love us still  
Blessed Jesus, oh blessed Jesus  
Thou hast loved us, love us still  
Blessed Jesus, oh blessed Jesus  
Thou hast loved us, love us still
Christina M. Greer, PhD is an Associate Professor of Political Science and American Studies at Fordham University (Lincoln Center Campus). She was the 2018 Fellow for the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University Silver School of Social Work.

Her primary research and teaching interests are racial and ethnic politics, American urban centers, presidential politics, and campaigns and elections. Her additional research interests also include transportation, mayors and public policy in urban centers. Her previous work has compared criminal activity and political responses in Boston and Baltimore as well as Baltimore and St. Louis.

Prof. Greer's book *Black Ethnics: Race, Immigration, and the Pursuit of the American Dream* (Oxford University Press, 2013) investigates the increasingly ethnically diverse black populations in the US from Africa and the Caribbean and was the recipient of the WEB du Bois Best Book Award in 2014 given by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Professor Greer is currently working on a manuscript detailing the political contributions of Barbara Jordan, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Stacey Abrams. She recently co-edited *Black Politics in Transition*, which explores gentrification, suburbanization, and immigration of Blacks in America.

She is a member of the board of The Tenement Museum in NYC, the Center for Community Change, and serves on the Advisory Board at Tufts University. She is also an ardent supporter of FIERCE in NYC and Project South in Atlanta, GA, and a former board member of BAJI (Black Alliance for Just Immigration), the Riders Alliance of New York, and the Human Services Council.

She is a frequent political commentator on several media outlets, primarily MSNBC, WNYC, and NY1, and is often quoted in media outlets such as the NYTimes, Wall Street Journal, and the AP. She is the co-host of the New York centered podcast FAQ-NYC and co-host of the Black centered podcast *What's In It For Us* podcast, is the politics editor at thegrio.com, is the producer and host of *The Aftermath* and *The Contender* on Ozy.com as well as their editor-at-large, is a frequent author and narrator for the TedEd educational series, and also writes a weekly column for *The Amsterdam News*, one of the oldest black newspapers in the U.S.

Greer received her B.A. from Tufts University and her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University.
Lifelong Asburyan, Brandye Lee is a cum laude alumna of Smith College (Economics & Afro-American Studies), and received her formal dance training as a scholarship student at Jones-Haywood School of Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem and The Ailey School. A native of Washington, DC, she was a featured dancer with Ailey II and Disney’s blockbuster “The Lion King” - National Gazelle Tour. While touring with The Lion King, Brandye served as the company’s outreach coordinator, creating unique behind-the-scenes experiences that included the show’s phenomenal cast, crew and orchestra members. Throughout her travels, she has produced numerous concerts benefiting community arts and education organizations. Brandye has been a guest performer and teacher in many of the 47 states she toured, including at Flint Institute of Music, Dance Institute of Washington, Dance Theatre of Lynchburg, Troy D. Brown’s Art of Technique, Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, George Mason University, University of Tennessee, Fisk University, Rhodes College, Marymount University, and countless others. Most recently, Brandye served as Rehearsal Director for Memphis, Tennessee’s groundbreaking ballet company and conservatory, Collage Dance Collective. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including Sidwell Friends School’s Distinguished Alumni Award and Asbury’s Woman of Excellence Award. She is also a New Memphis Institute Fellow and served two terms as a commissioner for the Memphis City Beautiful Commission. Brandye is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree at University of California at Irvine, focusing on issues of equity and diversity in ballet. Through her lifelong passion of dance, she continues to find innovative ways to let her life speak and serve her community.
The Fords

The Ford singers are a musical family, including Angela and her three adult children, Brittany, Paris and Brandon. Professionally, Angela teaches English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Brittany works as a special education paraeducator for MCPS, and is a member of “Glory”, a contemporary gospel singing group. Paris is a costume designer for professional theaters in the Washington metropolitan area; and Brandon is an audio engineer for The Encore Brand. They serve in the Music and Arts ministry at Mount Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD. They occasionally come together to sing for a variety of special events. In honor of Women’s Day, only the ladies will sing.
ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE

How to Join Us for Worship?

Via Livestream (**NEW: Three Ways to Watch)**

1. Go to Asbury’s Homepage at www.asburyumcdc.org
   Scroll down and CLICK the WATCH LIVE STREAM button

2. For YouTube, enter this URL directly in your browser:
   https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q

3. Like us on Facebook or enter this URL directly in your browser:
   https://www.facebook.com/asburyumcdc/

Via Conference Call

Dial-in: 1-712-770-4966

When prompted Enter Access Code: 933092#

Online Worship Etiquette (for Video or Audio Conference Calls)

1. Be On Time
2. Don’t Announce Yourself
3. Use Your MUTE Button (If your telephone does not have a MUTE button,
   Press *6 to MUTE)

Three Ways to Give

1. Give Online:
   Go to Asbury’s Homepage at www.asburyumcdc.org
   CLICK the GIVE button (found at the top of the page)

2. Give electronically through your banking institution

3. Mail Your Offering: Make check payable to
   Asbury United Methodist Church
   926 11th St NW
   Washington, DC 20001
From The Senior Pastor’s Desk

March 2021

Word for the Month: FREEDOM

Scripture of the Month: Book of Galatians

Thought for the Month:

The cross and the lynching tree are the two most emotionally charged symbols in the history of the African American community. In *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, theologian James H. Cone explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. Both the cross and the lynching tree represent the worst in human beings and at the same time a thirst for life that refuses to let the worst determine our final meaning. While the lynching tree symbolized white power and black death, the cross symbolizes divine power and black life God overcoming the power of sin and death. For African Americans, the image of Jesus, hung on a tree to die, powerfully grounded their faith that God was with them, even in the suffering of the lynching era.

Emphasis for the Month: African American Heritage

Pastor’s Book of the Month: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone
The Bridge: A Diverse Community Gathered for The Word, Worship, Wheat and Wine
(Contemporary Worship Service)

March 14, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Min. Christian B. Aaron
Join us in Fellowship Hall today.

We have adjusted our hours of operation; due to the Coronavirus and the temporary closing of the Downtown Cluster’s Geriatric Center. The new times and restrictions are outlined below.

Monday thru Thursday  8:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday              8:00 am — 3:00 pm (Teleworking)  The Office is Closed
Asbury UMC – We Are Here!

**STAY CONNECTED**
The building is closed but the church is open

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE**
10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Online via Livestream
(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q)
Or Dial-In: 1-712-770-4966
Access Code: 933092#

5:00 p.m. – Bridge Contemporary Service Online via Facebook Live
(https://www.facebook.com/thebridgedcumc/)

**PRAYER**
Email prayer requests to prayer@asburyumcdc.org

Wednesday Prayer Line – 12:00 Noon
Dial-In: 1-712-770-4966
Access Code: 933092#

**SERVE**
Be a phone pal with neighbors and friends
Run an errand for an elderly neighbor

**GIVE**
Give your offering online at http://www.asburyumcdc.org/
Give through your banking institution
March 10, 2021

Reverend Ianther Mills
Asbury United Methodist Church
926 11th Street NW Washington, DC 20001

Dear Reverend Ianther Mills & Asbury United Methodist Women:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I bring you greetings on behalf of the Adrienne Terry Fund and the Greater Washington District Affordable Housing Task Force as you celebrate your Annual Women’s Day! When I received word from Reverend Mills that it was your intention to donate the funds raised on your annual women’s day to the Adrienne Terry Affordable Housing Fund my heart was filled with joy.

My appointment as District Superintendent came with unexpected and sad news of the untimely death of Reverend Adrienne Terry. At that time, she was serving as the pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Southwest Washington, D.C. I did not personally know Reverend Terry but as we prepared for her memorial service, which Asbury graciously hosted, I became aware of how selfless she was in caring for the well-being of her congregation and her community.

Prior to Reverend Terry’s memorial service, I visited Christ UMC. As I stood on the church grounds and walked the community, I was struck by the stark contrast in housing. On one side of the street were elegant condominiums and on the other side were more affordable homes that appeared to be threatened by new construction. There in the midst was Christ United Methodist Church. It seemed appropriate to me that Christ should be in the middle of the community advocating for the least, the last and the lost. I later learned that Reverend Terry was a strong advocate for affordable housing, especially in Southwest D.C.

What became clear to me, as I reflected on how to honor Reverend Terry’s legacy was that as disciples of Christ, the district could undertake an affordable housing challenge that was doable. And so, at my installation service we established the Reverend Adrienne Terry Affordable Housing Fund. These funds would be used to support congregations with property resources (such as parsonages) and convert the properties into affordable housing throughout the district. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds donated would be dedicated to this effort.

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This past year, through monetary contributions to the Affordable Housing Program, we were able to renovate the parsonage at Ager Road UMC which was uninhabitable. The Ager Road parsonage now provides a safe and quality home for a family of four. In addition, we were able to support renovations to the Oak Chapel UMC parsonage which is now ready to welcome new occupants. Our newest projects are to renovate two more parsonages in our district to provide safe, secure, and affordable housing for two more families. We are also looking forward to supporting our first large scale development project – affordable housing for seniors. Understand that it is only through the support of generous donors such as yourself that these affordable housing developments are made possible.

Your donation and generosity reflect the UMW’s vision statement of “putting faith, hope, and love into action for women, children, and youth” which will provide them with affordable housing. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and your faithful witness within the community.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr.

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Greater Washington District Superintendent
The Baltimore-Washington Conference
ggreen@bwcumc.org
Embracing The Uncertain

A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can alter the lives and landscapes of entire communities. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail. The reality is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world there are few guarantees in life. It's those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and make the risky decision to follow Jesus despite the many "unknowns" who will reap the greatest rewards. Embracing the Uncertain invites readers this Lent to engage and wrestle with life’s uncertainties, not ignore them.

Read the 40-Day Devotional
Join a Study/Discussion Group
Dates: February 17 – March 31

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. (via Conference Call)       Rev. Irene Pierce
Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. (via Conference Call)    Carol Travis
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom)                  Rev. Ryan Wise

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Ebony Bishops
Preaching Series

Sunday, March 21
10:00 AM

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

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Live On
Palm Sunday
March 28 - 10:00 AM (Virtual)

Maundy Thursday
April 1 - 7:00 PM (Virtual)

Good Friday
April 2 - 12:00 PM (Virtual)

Easter
April 4 - 8:00 AM (Outdoor)
April 4 - 10:00 AM (Virtual)

Last Words of Jesus Christ
Good Friday
April 2
12 Noon

Host Pastor
Rev. Dr. lanther Mills

Pastor Brasean Jenkins
Pastor Lataska Nelson
Pastor Michael Carrington
Pastor Monica Raines
Pastor Andre Briscoe
Pastor Alexis Brown
Pastor Michael Parker

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LIVE ON
Dr. Fauci discusses vaccines with Maryland officials.

Among the various questions asked of Dr. Fauci, he answers two of I think are the most pressing questions for our people, whether you can get the virus from the vaccine and skeptical thoughts about the short amount of time it's taken for the development of the vaccine. A link is provided below for your viewing.

Click here for the video

Dear Asburyans,

We have been made aware that some of the offering envelopes mailed to the membership in the Fall of 2020 were received damaged. Reports are some envelopes were missing from packages or the boxes appeared to have been opened and re-sealed. If you received damaged or missing envelopes, please contact me at the Finance office during office hours Monday through Wednesday 8am-3pm.

Contact: DaRon Clark, Finance Associate, 202-628-0009, dclark@asburyumc dc.org
Psalm 91:7 (NRSV)

A thousand may fall at your side, 
ten thousand at your right hand, 
but it will not come near you.

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<td>♦ There is an elevator in the Education Building that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms.</td>
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<td>♦ Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th Street entrance. Pick up a parking pass from the 11th Street reception desk.</td>
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