

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
JUNE 21, 2020 ~ 10:00 AM ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Make Me A Blessing ***“Online Church Service”***



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
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / ONLINE SERVICE
10:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills
GATHERING PRAISE	<i>“Faith of Our Fathers”</i>
TRIBUTE TO FATHERS	Robert Mallett
CALL TO PRAYER	<i>“Just a Little Talk With Jesus”</i>
MORNING PRAYER	Brett Johnson
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 12:22-34 Brett Johnson
SERMONIC SELECTION	<i>“God Is a God”</i> Christian Simmons (baritone)
SERMON	“Make Me A Blessing” Bishop Marcus Matthews
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES	
MUSICAL SELECTION	Christian Simmons (baritone)
INVITATION TO GIVE	
CLOSING HYMN	<i>“This Little Light of Mine”</i>
BENEDICTION	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills
Minister of Music/Organist: Everett Williams, Jr.
Preacher: Bishop Marcus Matthews
Soloist: Christian Simmons
Liturgist: Brett Johnson

Faith of Our Fathers

Verse 1

Faith of our Fathers! living still, in spite of dungeon,
fire, and sword: Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Verse 2

Faith of our Fathers, we will strive to win all nations
unto thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.

Last Verse

Faith of our Fathers. We will love both friend and foe in
all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.

Refrain:

Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith!
We will be true to thee till death.



This Little Light of Mine

Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Verse 2

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Last Verse

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine





Bishop Marcus Matthews is the current Executive Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a position he has held since Sept. 1, 2016. The Executive Secretary is charged with the day-to-day running of the Council of Bishops' office in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the Council of Bishops Executive Committee. Previously, Bishop Matthews served as the Resident Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference from 2012-2016.

Education and Ordination

Bishop Matthews holds a bachelor's degree from South Carolina State College (1968); a master of divinity (MDiv) from Wesley Theological Seminary (1974); and a doctor of ministry (DMin) from New York Theological Seminary (1981). He was ordained as a deacon by Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. and he was ordained as an elder by Bishop James K. Matthew in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Ordained Ministry

At the beginning of his pastoral ministry, Matthews served as a student intern at Douglas Memorial UMC in Washington, D.C., for a year. He became an assistant pastor at Asbury UMC in Washington, where he continued as associate for two years after his graduation from Wesley. Upon graduation, he served as pastor of Jones Memorial UMC in Washington, DC, (1976-1982) where he oversaw the building of a new sanctuary and established a community development program. He was pastor of Epworth Chapel UMC in Baltimore, from 1982 to 1986, when, during his pastorate, Epworth received 272 new members.

Superintendency

In 1986, Rev. Matthews was appointed District Superintendent of the Baltimore East District and in 1991 was appointed Conference Council Director, a position he held until being appointed Washington West District Superintendent in 1999. He was serving in that position when he was elected.

Episcopacy

Rev. Matthews was elected as a bishop of The United Methodist Church on July 14, 2004, by the Northeastern Jurisdiction on the first ballot. He was assigned to serve the Philadelphia Episcopal Area (Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and Peninsula-Delaware Conference). In 2008, he was assigned to the New York West Area (Western New York Conference and North Central Conference). In 2010, he became the resident bishop of Upper New York Area (and a new conference uniting four former conferences; Western New York, North Central, Troy and Wyoming). In 2012, he was assigned to the Washington Area (Baltimore-Washington Conference), where he served until his retirement in 2016.

During his ministry, Bishop Matthews served on the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General Board of Global Ministries, Connection Process Team, the General Council on Ministries, Africa University Development Committee, World Methodist Council Executive Committee, and the Board of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry. In 2004 he was elected Co-Chair of the Endorsing Committee of The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the UMC. He served as president of the GBHEM from 2008-2012. He was elected in 2005 to the Board of Directors of Africa University and he is currently the chair of the Board.

Family

Bishop Matthews is married to Barbara Walker Matthews and they have two children, Jaime S. Matthews and Marci Matthews, and five grandchildren. His interests include movies, reading, jogging and playing with his grandchildren.



Christian Simmons, bass-baritone, is a young artist from Hyattsville, MD. Christian has performed as major roles with various festivals and organizations around the world. He has performed with the Morgan State University Theater and Opera Workshop in Baltimore, MD, the Bel Cantanti Opera Company in Silver Spring, MD, the Washington Opera Society in Washington, DC, the Castleton Music Festival in Castleton, VA, the Amalfi Coast Music Festival in Naples, Italy, the Berlin Opera Academy in Berlin, Germany, and the Bare Opera Company in New York, NY. He has premiered in such major works, such as *The Devil and Daniel Webster* (Jabez Stone), *The Wiz* (Lion), *Romeo et Juliette* (Duke), *Le nozze di Figaro* (Figaro), *L'incoronazione di Poppea* (Seneca), *Aida* (King), and *Rigoletto* (Sparafucile). Christian has been featured as the bass soloist in such works as G.F. Handel's *Messiah*, J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, Giuseppe Verdi's *Requiem*, and Franz Schubert's *Mass in G Major*. He has also received honorable awards such as winner in the National Association of Teaching Singing (NATS) 2016 regional competition, winner in the Harlem Opera Theater 2017 Vocal Competition, and an honorary lifetime membership in the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA). Christian is a graduate from Morgan State University where he has studied in the studio of Dr. Ridley Chauvin, and continues his studies at the University of Maryland with renowned bass-baritone, Mr. Kevin Short. He is a proud member of the nation's first and largest music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America. Christian's inspiration for singing comes from a quote from the late Dr. Nathan M. Carter, "Music is ministry, it has to go beyond the page, it must inspire."

ONLINE WORSHIP GUIDE

How to Join Us for Worship?

Via Livestream

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

OR enter this URL directly in your browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q>

Via Conference Call

Dial-in: 1-712-770-5345
When prompted Enter Access Code: 368937#

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
Scroll down and CLICK the **DONATE** button
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

Asbury UMC – We Are Here!



SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

10:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Online via Livestream
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVJWE3WEkAzNHwOOr-OxJ-Q>)

Or Dial-In: 1-712-770-5345

Access Code: 368937#

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: 1-712-770-5345

Access Code: 368937#

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

Mail your offering

Asbury's Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, June 21, 2020

10:00 am — Online Worship Service, via Livestream, [link](#)

5:00 pm — The Bridge Worship Service, via Facebook Live , [link](#)

Monday, June 22, 2020

3:00 pm — Asburian Deadline

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

11:00 am — Office Weekly Staff Mtg., via conference call

7:00 pm—Communications Meeting, Via Zoom

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

12:00 pm—Wednesday Prayer Line, Dial-In: 712-770-5345, Code
368937#

6:30 pm—Church Counsel Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, June 25, 2020

1:00 pm—Communications/AV Team Recording, Sanctuary,
Room 1-8

Friday, June 26, 2020

The Office is Closed

Saturday, June 27, 2020

2:00 pm— Just Mercy Movie Discussion, Via Zoom



From The Senior Pastor's Desk

June 2020

Word for the Month: UNDEFEATED

Scripture of the Month: Psalm 91

Thought for the Month: 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. Uncertainty can definitely be uncomfortable. Many of us prefer stability and a predictable future to an unknown fate. We are wired to want to control our destiny. 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 to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them.

Emphasis for the Month: Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Book of the Month: *Embracing the Uncertain: 40 Devotions for Unsteady Times* by Magrey R. deVega





THE BRIDGE

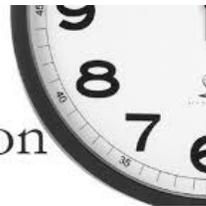
The Bridge: A Diverse Community Gathered
for The Word, Worship, Wheat and Wine
(Contemporary Worship Service)

June 21, 2020
5:00 p.m.— Online Service

Rev. Alexis Brown



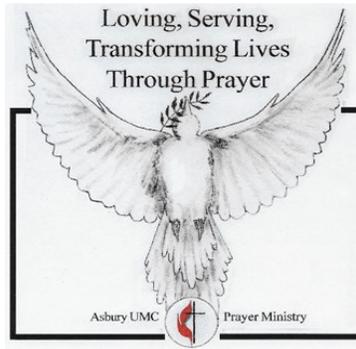
Hours of Operation



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**



Father's Day Prayer for All Fathers

Father, we come before you today humbled and in awe of your grace and mercy. Lord, we thank you for the way you have designed what a family is supposed to look like and the specific roles you have ordained to a mother and a father of how to lead their children. It is for the fathers, families, and children of our nation that we do pray today.

Lord, we pray specifically for fathers and fatherhood across our land. Your Word clearly instructs fathers to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. God, we thank you for the men who are leading according to your statutes and the ones that are laying their lives down for your purposes. We pray that you will continue to use these men to lead their families and other men. We pray you will strengthen the fathers of our nation and that you will continue to empower churches, organizations, and individuals to invest in fathers and fatherhood for the sake of our children.

We pray for the single fathers out there; whether they are raising their children alone or even if they are doing the best they can with the time they have. We pray for strength, protection, wisdom, and discernment to help them through whatever trials they may be facing. Thank you Lord for these men and please guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, help meet all of their needs, that they may experience your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Finally, Father we lift up the men and women that are on the front lines in the battle for fatherhood and the war against fatherlessness. God, you clearly put leaders of all calibers in positions of influence: from the highest ranks to the least of these. However we know that with men these initiatives would fall short, but with you all things are possible. We pray for a revival of manhood and for fathers to lead their families by beginning each day on their knees. God your Word says that you will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers. As our Creator, Savior, and heavenly Father, we believe that this will bear eternal fruit-- that generational curses will become generational blessings, restoring our families back to the way that you intended. Amen.

Just Mercy

Saturday, June 27

2:00 pm—3:30 pm

Discussion via Zoom



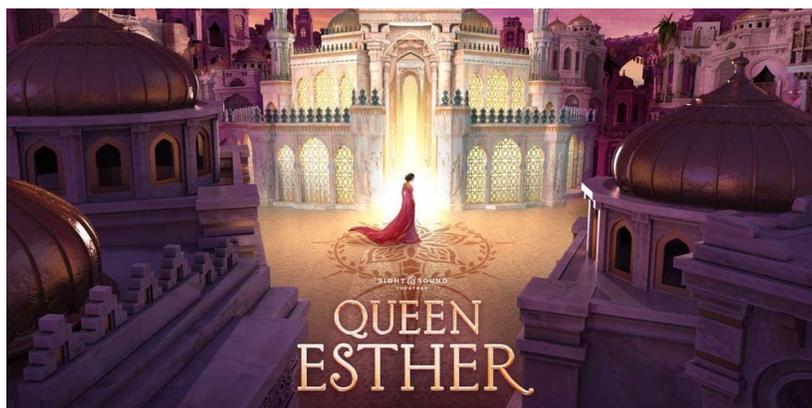
Movies@Asbury Discusses "Just Mercy"

"Just Mercy" tells the true story of Bryan Stevenson (Michael B Jordan), a lawyer seeking to free Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) from the death penalty – the result of a wrongful conviction obtained with perjured testimony and despite proof he couldn't have committed the crime.

"Just Mercy" shines a light on systemic racism in the criminal justice system. It is available for free rental during June across multiple media platforms. Find your preferred media at justmercyfilm.com, **watch the film sometime before Saturday, June 27**, then join Movies@Asbury for an online Zoom discussion.

Please register for tickets via Eventbrite to get the link to the Zoom discussion. Find a discussion guide and a link to a "60 Minutes" report on the true story that inspired the film [Click here](#).

Movies@Asbury is the movie ministry of Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, a radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God's love.



Rescheduled for Next Year

*** New Date ***

Friday, June 25, 2021

If you are unable to attend or would like a refund please contact Margaret Carter at 202-213-9146. Thank you

6 THINGS WE CAN DO TO END RACISM

NAME	Name the egregious <i>sin of racism</i> and <i>white supremacy</i> and join together to take a stand against the oppression and injustice that is killing persons of color.
AFFIRM	Affirm peaceful protests as a means of giving voice where it is needed most.
SPEAK	Use our voices, our pens, our feet and our heart for change.
ACT	No longer remain silent nor complicit but act now!
ENGAGE	Read all we can on the subject of antiracism and engage in conversations with children, youth and adults.
PRAY	For the next 30 days, join United Methodists around the world in prayer at 8:46 a.m. and p.m. for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the time the officer held his knee on George Floyd's neck.



The Live Stream Team

***Needs a Graphic Artist(s) for
Computer Graphics
Logo Design***

eMail:

asburymail@asburyumcdc.org

Subject:

Volunteer Graphic Artist

SOCIAL ACTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

PRAY @ 8:46

Join United Methodists around world in praying for racial justice and equality!

Pray at 8:46 a.m. and p.m. for 8 minutes and 46 seconds.

When: June 21 – July 20

ENGAGE

Movies @Asbury discussion on “Just Mercy”

Saturday, June 27

2:00 p.m.

Showing/Discussion via ZOOM

STUDY

Howard Thurman: A Theology and Spirituality of Resistance

Workshop Leaders: Dr. Asa Lee and Andy Peck McClain

Date: July TBD

ACT NOW

Sign the petition to rename the Edmund Pettus Bridge after Rev. John Lewis. This Change.Org petition was started by Michael Starr Hopkins (son of Terri Thompson) and has reached over 100K signatures. Sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/governor-of-alabama-rename-the-edmund-pettus-bridge-after-rep-john-lewis>

PRAYER FOCUS TO END RACISM

JUNE 21, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 27, 2020

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June 21, 2020

Lord, we are your people. We pray for an end to violence, injustice and hatred throughout the world. *We pray for and encourage peaceful protests as a means of giving voice where it is needed most. We pray that all people of faith take a stand against any and all expressions of racism and white supremacy.*

June 22, 2020

Lord, you know the heart of everyone affected by this crime and this loss of beautiful life, the life of your child George Floyd, as well as the deaths of Breonna Taylor, Botham Jean, Philando Castile, Eric Garner, Atatiana Jefferson and Ahmaud Arbery and many before them. Lord, I find it hard to believe that any human can watch the murder of George Floyd and not feel broken-hearted -- a broken heart for what happened to him, for the loss his family feels, and for so many nationwide that feel a deep pain every time a senseless death like this happens. There are many tears right now, Lord please draw near to all who are grieved by these deaths. Remind us of your closeness and your presence; remind us that you are with us always, through tragedy and triumph.

Your Word tells us that you are the Light and though the darkness tries it cannot put out the light; your Word also tells us that the darkness is as light to you. You know all things, there is no secret that can be kept from you, even in darkness -- you know the truth of what has happened. Thank you for the comfort in your Psalms, many of which are penned from a broken heart and a place of trial. The Psalms remind us that you are our Refuge in the midst of trials; you are our Everlasting Fortress. You are our only true safe place. May we leave every tear and every ache of our heart at your feet; may we trust you with these realities and these feelings and know that you are Sovereign overall. You are a just God, and you will right every wrong. Help us to trust you always and help us to seek you in everything. May we find comfort in who you are God!

In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, Amen.

June 23, 2020

Let us not lose heart. Help us to use our voices, our pens, and our feet to make a difference. Use our voices, our pens, our feet, and our heart to change our city, country and world. Let us no longer be or remain silent nor complicit but to act now! .

June 24, 2020

Heavenly Father, we pray for an end to racism. We pray for those who bear the legacy of centuries of discrimination, fear, and violence.

June 25, 2020

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

June 26, 2020

Lord you are our rock in a weary land. Right now, our world is off center. Help us Lord to hold fast to you. Bring us back to harmony and balance in you. Help us to hold fast and keep our focus on you.

June 27, 2020

Ephesians 6:11-13 ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

(Resources: Prayer Ministry Team, Bible, Crosswalk.com)



Psalm 91:7 (NRSV)

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



DAILY WORD

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
PSALM 1:1-6

MONDAY, JUNE 22
LUKE 7:11-16

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
JAMES 5:13-18

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
EXODUS 4:10-13

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
MATTHEW 25:14-30

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
HEBREWS 10:19-25

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
PSALM 103:1-12

GETTING AROUND

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Restrooms are on the lower level on either side of the narthex and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Asbury United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Senior Pastor

Rev. Alexis Brown, Howard University UM Chaplain/ Bridge Worship Service

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Rev. Irene Pierce, Bereavement Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Sandy Adams & Darryl Wyles, Lay Leaders

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr., District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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