

Welcome

Building the Community

Entering the Story

Crossing the Threshold

Lyrics:

Enter

Come enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is your story

Enter the story

Enter

Enter the passion

Enter the place we belong

Not just looking on

For this is our passion

Enter the passion

Prayer of Confession

It is so hard to not be afraid.

Sometimes our fear makes us less compassionate,  
and more judgmental.

We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding back,  
unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for the sake of love.

Forgive us, O God.

Encourage us to extravagant acts of love,  
especially when we are frightened.

You entered our story through Jesus,  
now help us to enter fully into the story  
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Opening Song - Hymn #189: Fairest Lord Jesus (vs 1, 2, 4) - Teresa Kays

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,

ruler of all nature,

O thou of God and man the Son,

thee will I cherish,

thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

4. Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

Assurance of Pardon and Entering the Peace of Christ

Getting Perspective

Telling the Story - Mark 14:3-9

Dwelling in the Story - Bill Love

Message - The First Dinner: Risking Rejection - Pastor Erika Gravely

Zooming In

The Body of Christ Prays

Lyrics:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full on his wonderful face  
And the things of the earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his wonder and grace.

A Time of Offering Ourselves

Entering the World's Story

Closing Song

Benediction & Postlude

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Happy birthday this week to...

Gabe Waterman - 3/22

Amy Langston - 3/23

Autymn Hatch - 3/26

Cheryl Walton - 3/26

Ken Robison - 3/27

Bob Cruse - 3/28

Please be in prayer for the following people:

Dennis Baier & family, Walter Boyts, Brenda Morris, Jim Burns, Linda Buffington, Donna Brown, Judy Clements, Jesse Paxton, Bea Willingham, Gene Inman, Abbey Furlong, Alice Stehle, Jane Metcalf, the family of Ray Hartbarger, the family of Ed Nordstrom, John Bingham, Kay Keltner, Gene Day, Janet Peck, Chuck Ewy, Ron Garling, Clark Mikkelson, Teresa Kays & family, Lisa Boyts & Dustin Gardner, Jackie Fadler, Marcia Long, Jim Shane, Larry Ballenger, Nicole Johnson, Neal Stehle

Announcements:

This morning we are invited to remember the life of Bob Williams (3/10/31-3/23-17). Blessed be his memory.

We have extended the order date for Easter lilies. Orders and payment must be mailed to Asbury by Monday, April 6.

Ways to continue your regular giving to Asbury:

In this time where we are not meeting in person for worship, there are several ways you can still make your regular gift to Asbury.

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