

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family

SAINT JOHN

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
708 15th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

Speaker: Sister Kierra Giles

Order of Worship & Scholarship

Sunday, July 31, 2022 - 10:00am

DOXOLOGY....."Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Pastor Ronald D. Sterling

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would
rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of
our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your
glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!

HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."Yield Not To Temptation"

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you, some other to win;
Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

Refrain

Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain;
God's name hold in rev'ence, nor take it in vain;
Be thoughtful and earnest, kind hearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown;
Through faith we will conquer, though often cast down;
He who is our Savior, our strength will renew;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

PRAYER.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton

PRAYER RESPONSE.....Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me After Thy will,
While I am waiting, Yielded and still

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell. They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.*

SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

PASTOR'S WORDS & GREETINGS TO VISITORS

BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY

(Tithes / Offerings / Gifts to be given after the benediction)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.....SISTER DEBORAHA HARRIS
SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....SISTER KIONNA HOOKS

SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

SPEAKER.....SISTER KIERRA GILES
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT YPD PRESIDENT

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as Savior

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A statement of what we as Christians believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE BENEDICTION.....Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

Amen.