

SAINT JOHN

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 17, 2022 - 10:00am

PRELUDE.....Music Ministry

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....."What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptation? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all
our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge: Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

PRAYER.....Rev. Sherri Radney

Prayer inviting the power and presence of God to join and lead us in worship.

PRAYER RESPONSE....."Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior. Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.*

Refrain

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis
Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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)*

SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

MESSAGE.....REV DR. RONALD D. STERLING, PASTOR

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.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

Amen.