

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the 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
February 12, 2023 - 10am

The Order of Founders Day

The Prelude.....Music Ministry

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

The 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!**

The Hymn of Celebration....."I Am On The Battlefield for My Lord"

Refrain

I am on the battlefield for my Lord,
I am on the battlefield for my Lord;
And I promised Him that I would serve Him till I die.
I am on the battlefield for my Lord.

I was alone and idle, I was a sinner too;
I heard the voice from heaven say there is work to do.
I took the Master's hand, and I joined the Christian band;
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

I left my friends and kindred, bound for the Promised Land,
The Grace of God upon me, the Bible in my hand.
In distant lands I trod, crying sinner come to God;
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

Now when I met my Savior, I met Him with a smile;
He healed my wounded spirit, and owned me as His child,
Around the throne of grace, He appoints my soul a place;
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

The Prayer.....Brother Brian Ransom

The Prayer Response....."I Will Trust In The Lord"

*I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.*

Because some forget, this is a reminder to announce the Scripture and version being read and end by saying...

The Scripture.....Sister Pauline Ford

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (English Standard Version)

But I, brothers could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.
.....The word of God for the people of God.

Introit to the Decalogue.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

*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.*

The Summary of the Decalogue.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

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.

The 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.*

**The Founder's Day Litany.....Sister Megan Spears
by Rev. Garland F. Pierce**

The Pastor's Words and Greetings to Visitors

The Blessing of the Offertory (*Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent*)

The Sermonic Selection.....Music Ministry

The Message.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

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 on 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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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