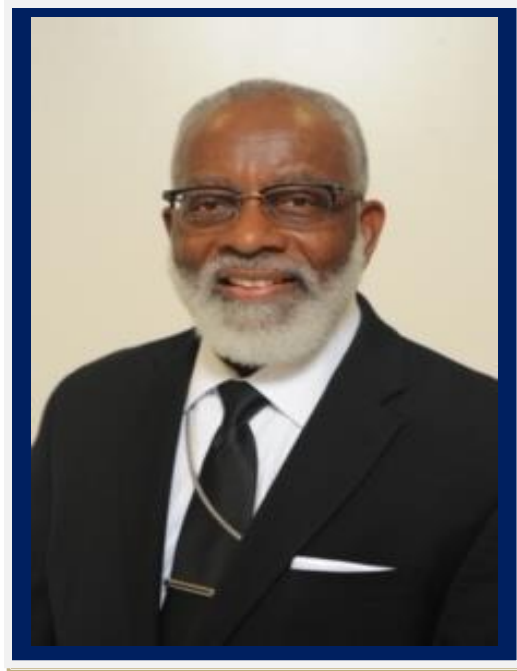


Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

Rev. Sherri Radney, Worship Leader



Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

Pastor

Order of Worship

July 30, 2023 - 10:00am

*The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him—Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen*

Prelude.....Music Ministry

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.*

Call to Worship.....Pastor Ronald 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....."All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all,
Go spread your trophies at His feet.
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of All,
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of All.
Come We That Love the Lord"

Prayer.....**Brother Raymond Oliver**

Prayer Response.....**Music Ministry**

"Lord Keep Me Day by Day"

*Lord Keep Me Day by Day
In a pure and perfect way
I want to live, I want to live on
In a building not made by hand.*

*Lord keep my body strong
So that I can do no wrong
Lord, give me grace
Just to run this Christian race
To a building not made by hand.*

*I'm just a stranger here
Trav'ling through this barren land
Lord, I know, there's a building, a building somewhere
A building not made by hand.*

Scripture.....Sister Jimmie Green-Whitt
Romans 8:26-39 (English Standard Version)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Introit to the Decalogue *(Please stand for the reading of the Summary of 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 Saviour saith, thou shalt love the Lord thou God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two Commandments hang 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.*

Pastor's Remarks & Greetings to Visitors

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

Ministry of Music.....Music Ministry

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

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

When there's too much bad news catch
Up on the Good News.

