

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

*Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church*

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**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



## **Order of Worship**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 10:00 am**

**The Praise & Worship.....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 Sterling**

Minister: O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.

**People: To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.**

Minister: Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

**People: Thus, will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.**

**ALL:** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Praise ye the Lord!

**Hymn of Praise..... "I Need Thee Every Hour"**

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

Refrain

*I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour, I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!*

I need Thee every hour; Stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power  
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour; Teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill

**The Invocation**

**Choral Response..... "Alleluia"**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thank You, Jesus  
Lord, we praise You  
Lord, we love You

**Prayer of Confession:**

Dear Lord, we humbly admit our transgressions against You in thought, word, and deed. We acknowledge that our love for You and our neighbors has not been wholehearted. Grant us the wisdom to learn from our past mistakes, the courage to improve our present actions, and the guidance to lead us toward a future where we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, bringing glory to Your holy name. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever, and His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us live in the light of His grace and forgiveness, with confidence in His unending love for us. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

**The Scripture Lesson (s)..... Rev. Sherri Radney  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.<sup>15</sup> “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life<sup>[a]</sup> of your neighbor: I am the LORD.<sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**Hymn No. 69 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*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:**

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy 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.

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

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

**The Pastor's Words and Greetings to Visitors**

**The Hymn of Preparation.....Music Ministry**

**The Sermon.....Pastor Sterling**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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

**Doxology**

**The Benediction.....Pastor Sterling**