

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

Saint John AME Church

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Mission

Saint John's mission is to "love God and love others" by ministering to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.



Sunday, June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

The Praise & Worship..... The Soul Searchers



The Doxology

.....AMEC Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]

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.

The Call to Worship..... Pastor Sterling

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of our Heavenly Father, who is faithful, steadfast, and full of love.

People: **We give thanks for the fathers and father figures among us, who reflect God's wisdom and grace in their love and guidance.**

Leader: As God calls us His children, let us celebrate the fathers who nurture, teach, and lead their families with strength and compassion.

People: **May our worship today honor their devotion, and may God continue to bless them with wisdom and courage.**

Leader: Just as our Heavenly Father never leaves nor forsakes us, may we recognize and appreciate the enduring love of the fathers in our lives.

People: **With grateful hearts, we lift up praise and thanksgiving for fathers everywhere. May they be strengthened and encouraged in their calling.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in the Lord, our ultimate Father, and worship Him with gladness and gratitude.

People: **We worship You, O God, our Father and Sustainer. Fill this place with Your presence, and bless us as we honor You today. Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise....."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'm on the battlefield for my Lord.

I was alone and idle, I was a sinner too;
I heard a 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 Refrain.

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 Invocation

The Prayer Response.....The Soul Searchers

The Scripture Lesson (s)

Old TestamentBrother Garry Evans

Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
²Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

"May the Lord bless the hearers and doers of His Word."

New Testament.....Sister Brittany Ford

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

"This is the Word of the Lord."

GospelSister Kim C. Sterling
(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)
Gospel - John 16:12-15

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

"The Word of God for the people of God."

The Preface to the Decalogue

AMEC 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 Decalogue (Summary)

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, Amen.*

Ministry of Stewardship (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 Worship through Music..... The Soul Searchers

The Message.....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 (Contemporary)

Benediction