

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

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 10:00am

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.*

Call to Worship.....Pastor Ronald D. Sterling

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, on an instrument of ten strings, on the lute, And on the harp, with harmonious sound. For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands

The Hymn of Celebration....."I Will Trust In The Lord"

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord until I die
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord until I die

I'm goin' to treat everybody right, I'm goin' to treat everybody right, I'm goin' to treat everybody right until I die
I'm goin' to treat everybody right, I'm goin' to treat everybody right, I'm goin' to treat everybody right until I die

I'm goin' to stay on the battlefield, I'm goin' to stay on the battlefield, I'm goin' to stay on the battlefield until I die
I'm goin' to stay on the battlefield, I'm goin' to stay on the battlefield, I'm goin' to stay on the battlefield until I die

I'm goin' to stay on a bended knee, I'm goin' to stay on a bended knee, I'm goin' to stay on a bended knee until I die
I'm goin' to stay on a bended knee, I'm goin' to stay on a bended knee, I'm goin' to stay on a bended knee until I die

Invocation.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton

Choral Response.....”Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”
Timothy Wright

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.*

*Savior, Savior, Savior. Savior, Savior, Savior.
Savior, Savior, Savior. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.*

*Healer, Healer, Healer. Healer, Healer, Healer.
Healer, Healer, Healer. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.*

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.
Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.*

Scripture.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis
Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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, "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."

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.*

Announcements

Pastor’s Words

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

Sermonic Selection.....Brother Raymond Oliver

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

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.....Pastor Sterling