

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

# Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

708 15th Street North II Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

*Twenty-fifth Day After Pentecost*



## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Sunday, November 14, 2021—10a.m.*

**PRELUDE**.....Music Ministry

**DOXOLOGY**.....”Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Pastor 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.

**Together:** **Oh 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!**

**SONG OF CELEBRATION**.....Bro. Raymond Oliver  
"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

**INVOCATION**.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis  
*A prayer inviting the power and presence of God to join and lead us in worship.*

**CHORAL RESPONSE**....."Battle Hymn of Republic"

*Glory! glory! hallelujah!*  
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*His truth is marching on.*

**Scripture: Mark 13:1-8 (NRSV)**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

**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.*

**PASTOR'S WORDS**

**SERMONIC SELECTION**.....Bro. Raymond Oliver  
"Walk With Me"

**MESSAGE**.....**REV. DR. RONALD D. STERLING**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**  
*An invitation to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior*

**BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY** *(Tithes/Offerings/Gifts to be given after the benediction)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\***  
*A statement of what we as Christians believe.*

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 sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

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**BENEDICTION**.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

*... Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together,  
running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use  
it will be measured back to you."*

-Luke 6:38(ESV)