

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

JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Easter



SERMON: A Calm in the Midst of a Storm

Mark 4:35-41 (NRS)

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 15, 2022 – 10:00am

Worship Leader, Rev. Laurel J. Thornton

THE PRELUDE.....Music Ministry

THE 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. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP**Rev. Laurel J. Thornton**

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord' our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord, our God I will seek thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Bless are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For 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 thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

THE INVOCATION.....**Brother Bennie Hardin**

THE HYMN.....**"Come, We That Love the Lord"**

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

Refrain
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upward to Zion The beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.

PRAYER RESPONSE....."Alpha and Omega"

You are Alpha and Omega
We worship You our Lord
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory
We worship You our Lord
You are worthy to be praised.

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Brother Freddie Robinson

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

THE 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.*

THE 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 great and first 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 GREETINGS TO VISITORSSister Doris Hardy

THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY

(Tithes / Offerings / Gifts to be given after the benediction)

THE SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

THE MESSAGE.....REV. XAVIER BEASLEY

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as Savior

THE 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 at 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. Amen.

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THE BENEDICTION.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.