

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

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor



Order of Worship

Sunday, May 29, 2022 – 10:00am

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.....**PASTOR RONALD D. STERLING**

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: Blessed 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 HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."I Once Was Lost In Sin"

(Have A Little Talk With Jesus)

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in,
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul;
It bathed my heart in love, and wrote my name above,
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Refrain:

(Now let us)
Have a little talk with Jesus,
(Let us) Tell Him all about our troubles,
(He will) Hear our faintest cry,
(He will) Answer by and by;
(Now when you) Feel a little prayer wheel turning,
And you) know a little fire is burning,
(You will) Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer,
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;
I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

INVOCATION.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

PRAYER RESPONSE....."Pray For Me"

*Pray for me, pray for me,
Oh, my brother, pray for me
When you bow at the altar,
Please don't forget to
Pray for me.*

*Pray for me, pray for me,
Oh, my sister, pray for me
When you bow at the altar,
Please don't forget to
Pray for me.*

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Sherri Radney
John 17:20-26 (NRSV)

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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 VISITORS

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

THE SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

THE MESSAGE.....REV. DR. RONALD D. STERLING

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. DR. RONALD D. STERLING

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.