

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

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

First Sunday After Pentecost: Trinity Sunday



Order of Worship & Baptism

Sunday, June 12, 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....."Joys Are Flowing Like a River"
(Blessed Quietness)**

Joys are flowing like a river,
Since the Comforter has come;
He abides with us forever,
Makes the trusting heart His home.

Refrain:

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
Blest assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea,
He speaks peace to me,
And the billows cease to roll.

Like the rain that falls from heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Spirit given,
Falls upon us from on high.

What a wonderful salvation,
Where we always see His face!
What a peaceful habitation!
What a quiet resting place!

THE PRAYER.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton

Prayer inviting the power and presence of God to join and lead us in worship.

PRAYER RESPONSE....."Oh, How I Love Jesus "

*Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

**THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis
Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV)**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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 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:
it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

THE PASTOR'S WORDS & GREETINGS TO VISITORS

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

BAPTISM

SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

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

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