

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

God Our Father. Christ Our Redeemer. Holy Spirit Our Comforter. Humankind Our Family!



SERMON: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BACK UP WHEN GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK

Acts 18:1-11 (ESV)

Order of Worship

Sunday, June 26, 2022 - 10:00am

Rev. Sherri Radney, Worship Leader

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. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Sherri Radney

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.

People: O 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!

HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."How To Reach The Masses"
(Lift Him Up)

How to reach the masses, men of every birth,
For an answer Jesus gave the key;
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
I'll draw all men unto Me."

Refrain
Lift Him up, lift Him up,
Still He speaks from eternity:
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
I'll draw all men unto Me."

Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread,
Lift the Savior up for them see;;
Trust Him and do not doubt the words that He said,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew,
Preach the gospel simple full and free;
Prove Him and you will find that promise is true
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,
Let the world in you the Savior see;
Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

INVOCATION.....Brother Raymond Oliver

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

CHORAL RESPONSE....."He Is Lord"

*He is Lord, He Is Lord!
He has risen from the dead
And He is Lord!*

*Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

Acts 18:1-11 (ESV)

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

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

GREETINGS TO FIRST TIME VISITORS

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

SERMONIC SELECTION.....**Music Ministry**

SERMON.....**Rev. Chares Marie Davis**
Saint John Ministerial Staff

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as Savior

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. Charles Marie Davis**

Amen. Amen. Amen

