

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

Sermon: Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright. Speaker

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 24, 2022 - 10:00am

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.....**Pastor Ronald D. 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.

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....."Time Is Filled With Swift Transition"
(Hold To God's Unchanging Hand)

Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Chorus

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand;
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal;
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Covet not this world's vain riches,
That so easily decay;
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures:
They will never pass away.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years May bring;
If by earthly friends forsaken,
Still more closely to Him cling.

When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright your home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.

PRAYER.....Rev. Xavier Beasley
Prayer inviting the power and presence of God to join and lead us in worship.

PRAYER RESPONSE....." Thank You Lord"

Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.
I just want to thank you Lord.

Been so good, been so good, Been so good,
I just want to thank you Lord.

Made a way, made a way,
Made a way, I just want to thank you Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Brother Freddie Robinson

Psalm 138:1-9

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD. the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

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, You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend 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. Amen.*

PASTOR'S WORDS & GREETINGS TO VISITORS

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

SERMONIC SELECTION.....Music Ministry

MESSAGE.....REV. SHERITA MOON SEAWRIGHT
Ninth Episcopal District Women's Missionary Supervisor

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.

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.*

THE BENEDICTION.....Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright