

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

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Order of Worship

Sunday, August 21, 2022 - 10am.

The Prelude.....Music Ministry

The Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessing 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

M: O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

P: I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You
among the nations.

M: For Your mercy *is* great above the heavens, And Your truth *reaches* to the
clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the
earth;

All: Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the
company of the elders.

The Hymn of Celebration....."I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
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Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Prayer.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

**Prayer Response....." Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"
Timothy Wright**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Jesus. Jesus,Jesus.

Savior, Savior, Savior
Savior, Savior, Savior
Savior, Savior, Savior
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Healer,Healer, Healer
Healer, Healer, Healer
Healer, Healer, Healer
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You
Thank You, Thank You, Thank You
Thank You, Thank You, Thank You
Jesus. Jesus, Jesus.

Scripture.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Introit 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 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.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.*

The Pastor's Words and Greetings to Visitors

The Blessing of the Offertory (*Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent*)

The Sermonic Hymn.....Music Ministry

The Message.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

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 on 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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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The Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling