

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 Title: Through the Fire
Daniel 3:1; 8-30 (ESV)

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 23, 2022 -10am

Worship Leader – Rev. Xavier Beasley

Prelude.....Music Ministry

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.*

Call To Worship.....Rev. Xavier Beasley
Ministerial Staff

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.

Together: 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....."Guide My Feet"

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child Lord, while I run this race.
I'm your child Lord, while I run this race.
I'm your child Lord, while I run this race.
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Invocation.....Brother Raymond Oliver

Prayer Response....."Lord Keep Me Day by Day"

*Lord keep me day by day
In a pure and perfect way
I want to live, I want to live on
In a building not made by hand.*

*Lord keep my body strong
So that I can do no wrong
Lord, give me grace
Just to run this Christian race
To building not made by hand.*

*I'm just a stranger here
Trav'ling through this barren land
Lord, I know, there's a building somewhere
A building not made by hand.*

**Scripture.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NRSV)**

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing...At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen

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

Blessing of the Offertory (Tithes / Offerings / Benevolent).....Rev. Xavier Beasley

Sermonic Selection.....Ministry of Music

**Sermon.....Rev. Sherri Radney
Ministerial Staff**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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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Benediction.....**Rev. Sherri Radney**
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.