

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

## Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Order of Worship

Sunday, October 16, 2022 -10am

**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**.....**Pastor 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.

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.....“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
Hear my humble cry;;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

**Refrain**

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief.

Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace.

**Invocation.....Sister Michelle R. Knight**

**Prayer Response.....“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**

Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**Scripture.....Brother Isaiah Roberts**

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NRSV)**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**Preface to the Decalogue.....Rev. Sherri Radney**

*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.*

**Pastor's Words**

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

**Sermonic Selection.....Ministry of Music**

**Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor**

**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. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling**

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*