

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

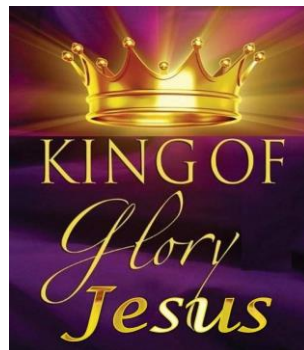
Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

708 - 13th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Thank You King of Glory for Salvation



The Order of Worship

Sunday, November 20, 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 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.

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 of Celebration....."There Is A Name I Love To Hear"
(O How I Love Jesus)

There is a name I love to hear;
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus! Because He first loved me.

It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel the deepest woe,
Who in my sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below.

Invocation.....Brother Charles Horton

Prayer Response....."Because of Who You Are"

Because of who You are I give You Glory
Because of who You are I give You Praise
Because of who You are I will lift my voice and say
Lord I worship You, because of who You are.
Lord I worship You, because of who You are.

Jehovah Jireh, my provider
Jehovah Nissi, Lord You reign in victory
Jehovah Shalom, my Prince of Peace
Lord I worship You because of who You are.
Lord I worship You because of who You are.

Scripture.....Sister Megan Spears
Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Preface to the Decalogue *(Standing)*

*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.....Sister Brenda Kindred

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)*

Cello Selection.....Sister Yolonda Carter

Sermonic Selection.....Music Ministry

SERMON.....THE REV. DR. RONALD D. STERLING

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.