

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

SAINT JOHN
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203
Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor
Sunday, January 22, 2023 – 10:00am

The Order of Worship

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

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!**

The Hymn of Celebration....."The Lord is My Light"

The Lord is my light and my salvation
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The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear.

Refrain
Whom shall I fear. whom shall I fear
The Lord is the strength of my life
Whom shall I fear.

In the time of trouble, He shall hide me
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me
Whom shall I fear?

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage
He shall strengthen thine heart.

The Prayer.....Sister Terry Beasley

The Prayer Response....."We Need To Hear From You"

*We need to hear from You
We need a word from You
If we don't hear from You, what will we do?
Wanting You more each day, to show us Your perfect way,
There is no other way that we can live.*

The Scripture.....Rev. Sherri Radney

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (ESV)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek. Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me and they breathe out violence. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

The Introit 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.*

The Summary of the Decalogue.....Brother Frank J. Roscoe

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.

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 Selection.....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