

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

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

708 - 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Order of Worship

Sunday, October 22, 2023 - 10:00 am

The Praise & Worship.....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 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!**

Hymn of Celebration..... "Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult"

Jesus calls us over the tumult
Of our life's wild, raging sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying "Christian follow me!"

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying "Christian love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls in cares and pleasures,
"Christian love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us by His mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience
Serve and love Thee best of all!

The Prayer

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 a building not made by hand.

I’m just a stranger here,
Traveling through this barren land.
One thing I know, there’s a building, a building somewhere;
A building not made by hand.

The Scripture..... Brother JaWuan Taylor

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (ESV)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. **2**We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly^[a] mentioning you in our prayers, **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4**For we know, brothers^[b] loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5**because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. **6**And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, **7**so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8**For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. **9**For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10**and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Introit:

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 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.

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.

The Pastor’s Words and Greetings to Visitors

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

The Sermonic Selection.....Music Ministry

The Message.....Pastor Sterling

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

Doxology

The Benediction.....Pastor Sterling