

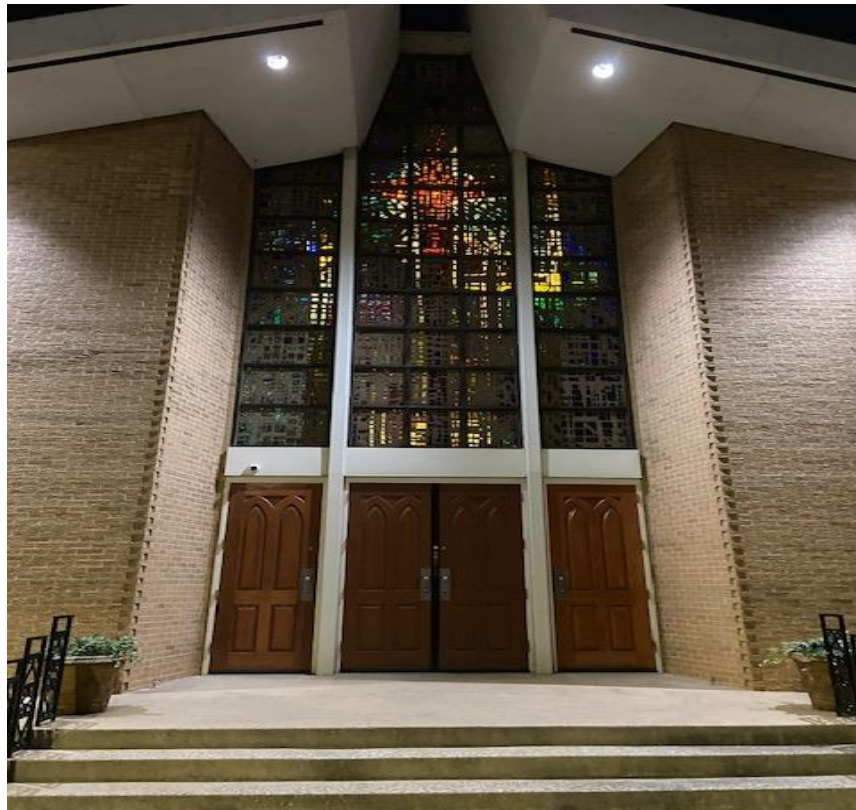
God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter,  
Humankind Our Family

## Saint John AME Church

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### Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 9, 2024

**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: O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Minister: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In His hands are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

Minister: The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

People: O come, let us worship before the Lord our maker.

ALL: For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

**The Hymn of Praise..... "The Reason Why We Sing"**

Someone asked the question:  
Why do we sing?  
When we lift our hands to Jesus  
What do we really mean?

Someone may be wond'ring:  
When we sing our song  
At times we may be crying  
And nothing's even wrong.

Refrain  
I sing because I'm happy.  
I sing because I'm free.  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
That's the reason why I sing.  
Glory, Hallelujah!  
You're the reason why I sing.  
Glory, Hallelujah!  
You're the reason why I sing.

And when the song is over,  
We all say, "Amen."  
In our hearts just keep on singing,  
And the song will never end.

If somebody asks you:  
Was it just a show?  
Lift your hands and be a witness,

And tell the whole world, "No."

And when we cross that river,  
We'll study war no more.  
We will sing our song  
to Jesus,  
The One whom we adore.

Refrain  
I sing because I'm happy.  
I sing because I'm free.  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
That's the reason why I sing.

Glory, Hallelujah!  
I give the praises to you.  
Glory, Hallelujah!  
You're the reason why I sing.

**The Invocation**

**The Choral Response....."Falling on My Knees"**

Falling on my knees  
I bow, bow down,  
Falling on my knees  
I bow, bow down

Something's I  
Can't see until  
I bow  
Something's I  
Can't see until  
I bow

I can see clearly now  
Here on my knees.  
I can see clearly now  
Here on my knees.

I understand better now,  
Here on my knees.  
I understand better now,  
Here on my knees.

## The Scripture Lesson (s)

**Old Testament** ..... **Sister Michelle Vaughner kNIGHT**  
Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

**New Testament** ..... **Brother Nicholas Young**  
**(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)**  
Mark 5:21-43

<sup>21</sup>And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." <sup>24</sup>And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. <sup>25</sup>And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup>and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>And he looked around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing<sup>[a]</sup> what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Hymn No. 69 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*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.*

**Ministry of Stewardship** (Tithes/Offerings/Benevolent)

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

**The Pastor's Words and Greetings to Visitors .....Pastor Sterling**

**The Worship through Music.....Music Ministry**

**The Message..... Pastor Sterling**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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

**The Doxology**

**Benediction**