



13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

2020 Annual Conference

Old Landmarks -UNCHARTED TIMES

*So that this may be a sign among you. When your children
ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?"*
Joshua 4:6

153rd Session of the
Tennessee Annual Conference
Closing Worship

October 25, 2020
9:45 am

Jeffrey N. Leath
Presiding Bishop

Susan J. Leath, MD
Supervisor, Women's Missionary Society

The Reverend Troy Merritt
Host Presiding Elder, Nashville District

The Reverend Sidney Bryant
Associate Presiding Elder, South District

The Reverend Alexander Gatson
Associate Presiding Elder, North District



Payne Chapel AME Church, Nashville
Host Church

The Reverend Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield
Host Pastor

153rd SESSION
THE TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, 25 October 2020

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Presiding Elder Sidney F. Bryant
Worship Leader

The Greeting

Presiding Elder Bryant

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Call to Worship Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield & Sis. Nakeisha W. Ruth

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: We have digitally gathered from every corner of the Annual Conference to praise God and witness the commissioning of our leaders.

People: **We come to ask God's blessing on those who shall lead and those who will follow the call of Christian service.**

Leader: We prepare to preach a saving, healing, and liberating gospel. We seek to be more loving and faithful to Jesus as we cry for justice in His name.

People: **We come to sing praises to the Almighty.**

All: **Let us go from this worship filled with the Holy Spirit and mature in love. God give us a holy fire for justice. Let us labor with mercy. Amen! Praise the Lord! Amen!**

The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Roderick D. Belin, D.Min.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn No. 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To
spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows
cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and
peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, New life the dead
receive, The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor
believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues
employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame,
for joy

The Prayer

The Reverend Sharon Ogilvie

The Choral Response

Sentence and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 634

The First Lesson

Sister Gladys Brock

Deuteronomy 34:4-12

The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him;

and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Gospel

Brother Bishaune Battle

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Introit

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. (repeat) He has done great things, He has done great things, He has done great things, bless His holy name.

The Decalogue (Summary)

The Reverend Benessa Sweat

And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first 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 Selection

The Benevolence Offering

The Reverend Walter W. Reid, Jr.

The Offertory Response *All Things Come of Thee*

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

The Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath

The Invitation to Accept Christ & Be a Disciple

Service of Ordination

The Ordination of Elders

The Presentation of Candidates

Chair Hammonds:

Bishop Leath, I present to you these persons to be ordained Elder.

Dean Sinkfield: *(Names read aloud by the Dean)*

Itinerant Orders

The Reverend Corwin Malcolm Davis

Bishop: Do you think in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the order of Elder?

Candidates: I do so believe.

Bishop: Will you reverently obey your chief ministers unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

Candidates: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop: Almighty God, who has given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that God may accomplish the work which God has begun, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Bishop

Let Us Pray.

Almighty God, receive our praise as we worship you through Jesus Christ, who is our Lord, High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our soul. We thank you that Christ has poured out gifts abundantly on us, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up Christ's body, and to fulfill your purpose in the world. Thank you for these you have called to the same office and ministry.

We praise and worship You, and we ask that all who, either here or elsewhere, exercise ministry in your name, may show thankfulness for all Your benefits.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry. Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.

Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bishop: The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands, and be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of the holy sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(The Bishop shall deliver to every one of them, kneeling the Bible into their hands, saying:)

Take authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacraments in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Benediction

The peace of God which passes understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessings of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. AMEN

The Hymn *A Charge to Keep I Have* Hymn No. 242

A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify, A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

The Commissioning of Officers

The Commissioning Prayer Presiding Elder Alexander Gatson

Wise and Powerful God, you have been present with us as we worshipped, worked and witnessed during our Annual Conference. Send us into the world with the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. Protect us from all evil. Increase our love for those who are committed to our care. Give us wisdom for advising, teaching and administration. Grant us fruitful labors in the harvest of disciples. Bless us and the people we serve in your name. Amen and Amen!

The Commissioning Scripture Presiding Elder Troy Merritt *Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)*

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Sending Forth *Go Preach My Gospel* Hymn No. 220

"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord. "Bid the whole earth My grace receive. Explain to them My sacred word; Bid them believe, obey, and live.

"I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove My gospel true By all the works that I have done And all the wonders ye shall do.

"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead; Go cast out devils in My name; Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.

"While thus ye follow My commands I'm with you till the world shall end; All power is trusted in My hands; I can destroy and can defend."

He spake, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to heaven He rode. They to the farthest nation spread The grace of their ascended God.

The Reading of Appointments

The Doxology

The Benediction

Bishop Leath

TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE PASTORS & ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

NASHVILLE DISTRICT

Church

Payne Chapel, Nashville

St. John, Nashville

Kairos Ebenezer, Nashville

Scotts Chapel, Hermitage

St. Matthew, Nashville

St. Luke, Gallatin

Smith Chapel, Bethpage

St. Luke, Nashville

St. Paul, Nashville

New Salem, Nashville

St. Phillip, Nashville

St. Peter, Nashville

St. James, Nashville

Green Chapel, Hartsville

Winters - Mount Olive Mission

Howard Chapel, Hartsville

Pastors (The Rev)

Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield

Young Adult:

Lisa Hammonds

Garrett Copeland

Fred Jenkins

Young Adult:

Reginald Brock

Young Adult:

Dr. Barbara Crawford

Fred Beasley

Dr. Yvette Tisdale

Dr. Andre Washington

Anica Howard

Kenneth Harrell

Nathan Frey

Dr. W. Antoni Sinkfield

Carl Watkins

Young Adult:

Albert Strawther

Albert Strawther

Young Adult:

Delegates

Nakeisha W. Ruth

Courtney Hawkins

Erskine Lytle

Adam Boyd

Kerry Majors

Saniya Trotter

Linda Bailey

Makala Wilson

Laura Hollerman

William Fuqua

Ron Mitchell

Mary Lacy

Alveanie Wilson

Rose Wilson

William Posey

Melvin Brown

Grace Moreland

Aspen Watkins

Cynthia Herron

Hazel Chumney

Kameisha Brown

NORTH DISTRICT

Church

St. Peter
Greater Ebenezer
Burks Chapel
St. Paul, Oakwood
Martin Chapel
Salter's Chapel
St. John, Paducah
St. John, Springfield
St. James, Dickson
First, Pegram
St. James, Mayfield
St. Luke, Erin
McGavock Cpl, Charlotte
Sulphur Spring
Mt. Zion, Charlotte
St. James, Pryorsburg
St. Paul, Ashland
Moore's Chapel, Clinton

Pastors (The Rev)

Dr. Ralph Johnson
Anthony Lyle
Benessa Sweat
Jeffery Norfleet, Sr.
Sherri Cowley Scott
Everett Hobson
James Bolen, Sr.
Omaràn D. Lee
Vivian Canty
Cedric Bailey
Angela Green
Veronica Dailey
Deshnell Cobbin
Donna Lorchorn
Frankie Witt, Sr.
Gloria Lasco
Dr. Cora Williams
Raymond Corbin

Delegates

Lisa Long
Sherryle Fletcher
Adrienne Mundy
Tony Eldridge
Lora Keesee
Charles Turner
Candy Morris
Tenille Chatman
Tim Woodard
Ada Pearl Gordon
Benitta Jones
Florida Robinson
Michaelyne Darden
Franzetta Council
Effie Haynes
Wanda Morris
Vivan Fotson
Cindy Schrag

SOUTH DISTRICT

Church

Greater Bethel
Lee Chapel
St. Paul, Columbia
Allen Chapel, Murfreesboro
Wayman Chapel, Columbia
Woodfolk Chapel
Bethel Chapel, Columbia
New Webb Grove
Shorter Chapel, Franklin
Mullin Chapel
Jones Chapel, Mt. Pleasant
Canaan, Columbia
Allen-Bethel
Claiborn Chapel
St. Matthew, Cornersville
Hopewell
Robert's Chapel
Mt. Zion, Centerville

Pastors (The Rev)

Walter W. Reid, Jr.
Dr. Harold M. Love, Jr.
Dennis D. Lawson, I
Jimmie Plummer
Sharon Ogilvie
Randall L. Webster
Dr. Trent Ogilvie
LaVan Strickland
Dr. Kenneth H. Hill
Chris Grizzard
Marlon Crawford
Tylan Orr
Ben Sanderfur
Linda Hopkins
Ashley Cox
Dr. Trent Ogilvie
John R. Cummings, Jr.
Kenneth Odom

Delegates

Phoenix Doris
John Keys
Barbara Frierson
Billy McKinley
Annie Webster
James Darden
Willa Joyce
Emma North
Dr. Jane White
Alie Dashiell
Cindy McCann
Ruth Mayes
Phillip Hightower
Tamika Watkins
Willis Marsh
Diane Davis
Bobbye Jones
Glenda Delk



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