



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
Kentucky Annual Conference
Opening Worship

September 18, 2020
7:00 pm

Jeffrey N. Leath
Presiding Bishop

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

The Reverend Dr. William Easley, Sr.
Host, Presiding Elder, Louisville District

The Reverend Kenneth Golphin
Associate Presiding Elder, Bluegrass District

The Reverend William R. T. Hale
Associate Presiding Elder, Commonwealth District



Quinn Chapel AME Church, Louisville
Host Church

The Reverend Troy I. Thomas
Host Pastor

153rd SESSION
THE KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, 18 September 2020

OPENING WORSHIP

Presiding Elder William E. Easley, Jr.
Worship Leader

The Greeting

Host Presiding Elder Easley

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 The Rev. Troy I. Thomas & Sis. Barbara Trammell

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.

Response: 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 come to give an account of our discipleship. We praise God for a testimony of faithful service.

Response: We visited the sick. We were present with those who mourned. We celebrated with those who rejoiced.

Leader: We heard the cry of the poor and the oppressed. We ministered with benevolence as we called for justice.

Response: We praise God as we come to another Annual Conference. We seek justice at our door and around the world. We thank God for our service and our deliverance.

ALL: Let's worship God! Praise God who for old landmarks in these uncharted times. May we be empowered to cry for justice; fearless to serve in crisis; motivated to vote as moral citizens; and respectful of God's creation and creatures. Praise the Lord!

The Hymn of Praise

And Are We Yet Alive

Hymn No. 304

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give For His redeeming grace.

Preserved by power divine To full salvation here, Again in Jesus' praise we join, And in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed, Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love; And still He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast Of His redeeming power, Which saves us to the uttermost. Till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross Till we the crown obtain; And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain.

The Invocation

The Reverend Donzella Lee

Almighty and Eternal God, Our Creator! We invite your presence into this Annual Conference. Remind us of our purpose in you. Help us to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Draw us close to you through our personal devotion. Expand our fellowship as we tell the love of Jesus. Give us wisdom and courage to stand for justice and truth.

Anoint us with Your Holy Spirit! Illumine the path of holiness. Make us mindful of those who are suffering loss. Give us hope as we receive your grace and mercy. All honor and glory belong to you. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Brother Chris Wilson

The New Testament Reading

Dr. Robert A. Strode

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

The Rev. Sherry & Bro. Sam Green

(An Affirmation of God's Law)

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols.

We will not invoke with malice your name, O God.

We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder.

We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness.

We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

Leader: Jesus said: "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."

People: **Jesus also challenged us with a second commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as ourselves! 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 Prayer

The Reverend Stephanie Raglin

The Sermonic Selection

The Annual Sermon

The Reverend Erika Taylor

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Announcements & The Bishop's Word

The Benediction

The Annual Conference Preacher



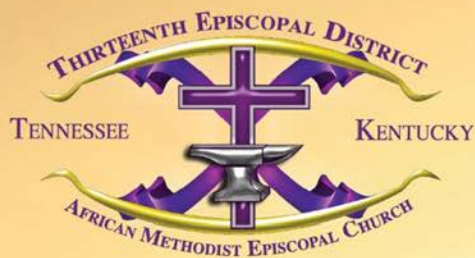
The Reverend Erika R. Taylor

Asbury Chapel AME Church
Louisville, Kentucky

The Reverend Erika R Taylor is the pastor of Asbury Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Louisville, Kentucky. Reverend Taylor is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the AME Church with fifteen years of pastoring experience and seventeen years in the ministry. She is a native of Shelbyville, Kentucky, and a daughter of Bethel AME Church in Shelbyville. Reverend Taylor is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work.

Reverend Taylor has 25 years of work experience in the field of social services and is currently employed by Kentucky Department of Corrections as a Social Service Clinician at the KY Correctional Institution for Women in Pewee Valley. The opportunity to work with incarcerated women has provided an opportunity for Reverend Taylor to witness the power of forgiveness when it is offered and received freely.

Through her former appointments to Wards Chapel AME (Scottsville, KY), Bethel AME (Campbellsville, KY), Greater Taylor Chapel AME (Franklin, KY) and now Asbury Chapel AME (Louisville, KY) Reverend Taylor has spiritually witnessed **Jeremiah 29:11** or herself and her appointments, *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.."*



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