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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## The African Methodist Episcopal Church – A Social Justice and Liberating Faith

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you  
But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

# ECONOMIC JUSTICE GENDER/SEXUAL JUSTICE

*Living in a World of Neither Male or Female - Addressing Justice Issues without Gender Bias*

119th Session of the  
East Tennessee Annual Conference

## Ordination/Communion Worship

**September 7, 2019**  
**11:30 am**

**Warren Chapel AME Church**  
503 N Market Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

**Jeffrey N. Leath**  
Presiding Bishop

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

**The Reverend Dr. Eva Settles**  
Host Presiding Elder, Chattanooga Knoxville District

**The Reverend Dr. Terence L. Mayes, Sr.**  
Associate Presiding Elder, Fayetteville Pulaski District

**The Reverend Dr. Pedro Basden**  
Host Pastor

**119th SESSION**  
**THE EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
Saturday, 7 September 2019

**The Service of Ordination and Holy Communion**  
The Reverend AJ Holman, Worship Leader

**The Announcements**

**The Presentation of the Preacher**

**The Doxology**

**The Call to Worship**

The Reverend Lance Shelton

Leader: Give thanks to God for all the goodness we are shown! God's steadfast love endures forever!

People: **We present ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.**

Leader: God calls us from our lofty ambitions and our occupation with marvels and matters beyond our scope.

People: **We present ourselves, our souls and bodies as a reasonable sacrifice.**

Leader: We have come to witness that these are servants of Christ entrusted with the secret things of God.

**ALL: Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as Your disciples day by day as a reasonable sacrifice. Amen and Amen!**

**The Opening Hymn**

***My Hope Is Built***

Hymn No. 364

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain*

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives away, He then is all my hope and stay.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!*

### **The General Confession**

The Reverend Ernest Latham

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **The Declaration of Pardon**

The Reverend William H. Smith

*Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your great Mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

### **The Interlude Hymn**

#### **Take My Life and Let it Be**

Hymn No. 292

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.*

## The Collect

The Reverend Dr. Terence L. Mayes, Sr.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who, by Your Holy Spirit, has appointed diverse orders of ministers in Your Church, mercifully look on these Your servants now called to the office of Elder and replenish them with the innocency of life, that by both word and good example they may faithfully serve You in this office to the glory of Your name and the building up of Your Church, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

## The Interlude Hymn

*Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King,  
Always, only, for my King.*

## The Scripture Lessons

### Epistle

The Reverend Ron Glenn

*Ephesians 4:7-13*

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

### Gospel

The Reverend Margaret Koontz

*Luke 12:35-38*

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and

serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

### **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 Choir

### **The Prayer**

The Reverend Fred Blackwell

### **The Hymn of Preparation**

*I've a Message from the Lord, Hallelujah!*

Hymn No. 215

*I've a message from the Lord, Hallelujah! This message unto you I'll give; 'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live."*

#### Refrain

*"Look and live," my brother, live, Look to Jesus now, and live; 'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah! It is only that you "look and live."*

*I've a message full of love, Hallelujah! A message, O my friend, for you; 'Tis a message from above, Hallelujah! Jesus said it, and I know 'tis true.*

*Life is offered unto you, Hallelujah! Eternal life thy soul shall have, If you'll only look to Him, Hallelujah! Look to Jesus, who alone can save.*

*I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah! To Jesus when He made me whole: 'Twas believing on His name, Hallelujah! I trusted, and He saved my soul.*

### **The Sermon**

**Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr.**

Presiding Bishop, Fourteenth Episcopal District (West Africa)

### **The Ordination of Elders**

Presentation of the Candidate for Local Elder

Chair:

**The Reverend AJ Holman**

Bishop Leath, I present to you this person to be ordained Elder.

Bishop: Be sure that the person whom you present is proper and fit, by her godly conversation, to carry out their ministry duly to the honor of God and the uplifting of the Church.

Chair: I have inquired concerning her, and also examined her, and think her so to be.

*(Name read aloud by the Chair)*

## **The Reverend Vickie Lee Coleman** **Local Elder for Campbell, Pulaski**

*(Each candidate will step forward as each is called.)*

Bishop: Members of the Conference, the person before you, we propose, God willing, this day to ordain an Elder; for after due examination we find not to the contrary, but that this person is lawfully called to this office and ministry, and that she is the person proper for the same. But if any of you know any reason which will prevent her from being admitted to that office, let them come forth in the name of God and state the reason.

*(If any reason be offered, the Bishop shall cease from ordaining that person until such time as the party accused shall be found to be innocent.)*

### **The Reverend Lee Russell Brown**

Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance how great treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The church and congregation, whom you must serve, are His Spouse, and His Body. And if it should happen the same church or any member of it, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will follow. Wherefore consider within yourself the end of the ministry towards the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labor, your care, and diligence until you have done all that lies in you according to your bounden duty, to bring all to be committed to your charge to the agreement in the faith,

and to the ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there may be no place left among you, either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

**The Reverend Dr. Terence L. Mayes, Sr.**

Since then your office is of both great excellency, and of great difficulty, you see with how great care and study you ought to apply yourself as neither you yourself offend. However, you cannot have a mind and will on your own account, for that will and ability are given by God alone; therefore, you ought, and have need to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other means contemplate the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of humankind with the doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with life agreeable to the same, consider how studious you ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners of both of yourself and of them that especially pertain to you, according to the rules of the same Scriptures; and for this same cause how you ought to forsake and set aside as much as you may all worldly care and studies.

**The Reverend Dr. Eva M. Settles**

We have good hope that you have weighed and pondered these things with yourself long before this time; and that you have clearly determined by God's grace to give yourself to this of which it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lies in you, you will apply yourself wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and that you will continually pray to God the Father by the mediation of our only Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit; that by daily reading and weighing of the Scripture you may wax riper and stronger in your ministry, and that you may so endeavor yourself, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to order them after the rule and doctrine of Christ, that you may be a wholesome and goodly example and pattern for the people to follow.

**Bishop:** You have heard, as well in your private examination as in the exhortation which was just made to you, and in the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and of how great importance this office is, to which you are now called. And now again we exhort you in the name of

our Lord Jesus Christ that you have in remembrance into how high a dignity and how weighty an office you are called; that is to say to be messengers, watchers, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever. And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your mind and will in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and God's church, shall demand of you concerning the same.

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?

**Candidate:** I do so believe.

**Bishop:** Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined, out of the said Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be conduced and proved by Scripture?

**Candidate:** I am so persuaded, and have so determined by God's grace.

**Bishop:** Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and sacraments and discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded?

**Candidate:** I will do so, by the help of the Lord.

**Bishop:** Will you be ready with all faithful diligence always to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

**Candidate:** I will, the Lord being my helper.



**Bishop:** Will you be diligent in prayer in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

**Candidate:** **I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.**

**Bishop:** Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

**Candidate:** **I shall apply myself, the Lord being my helper.**

**Bishop:** Will you maintain and set forth, as much as lies in you, sweetness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge?

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

**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?

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

*Then shall the Bishop say:*

**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 that work which God has begun, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*After which shall be said by the Bishop (The persons to be ordained Elders all kneeling),*

### **THE VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS (COME, CREATOR SPIRIT)**

**Bishop:** Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire

**Response:** **And lighten with celestial fire;**

**Bishop:** Thou the anointing Spirit art

**Response:** **Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart**

**Bishop:** Thy blessed unction from above

**Response:** **Is comfort, light, and fire of love.**

Bishop: Enable with perpetual light  
**Response: The dullness of our blinded sight;**

Bishop: Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
**Response: With the abundance of thy grace.**

Bishop: Keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
**Response: Where thou art guide, no ill can come.**

Bishop: Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
**Response: And thee of both to be but one!**

Bishop: That through the ages all along  
**Response: This may be our endless song:**

Bishop: Praise to thy eternal merit  
**Response: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

### **Bishop Leath**

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 this your servant the grace and power she needs to serve you in this ministry. Make a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor.

Enable her 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.

*(After the prayer, the Bishop, with seven Elders, shall lay their hands severally upon the head of everyone that receives the order of elder.)*

**Bishop:** The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a local 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 Closing Collect (All Kneeling)**

**Bishop Leath**

Most merciful God, we beseech You to send on this Your servant Your heavenly blessings that she may be clothed with righteousness and that the word spoken by her mouth may never be spoken in vain.

Grant, also, that your people may have grace to hear and receive what she shall deliver out of Your most holy word; or agreeably to the same, as the means of salvation; and that in all our words and deeds may seek the glory and the increase of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

**The Passing of the Peace**

**Minister:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**The Communion Hymn**

***There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*** Hymn No. 255

*There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty*

*stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.*

*E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.*

*Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save, When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave. Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

**Bishop Leath**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made there by his oblation of himself, once offered, a full perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in his holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you, and grant that we receiving these your creatures of bread and wine, according to your son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who in the same night took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take, eat this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.' Likewise after supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks he gave it to them saying, 'Drink all of it, for this is my blood for the New

Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen'

The **body** of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The **blood** of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

## **The Elements Shared**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

The peace of God which passes understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love God and of His 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.

## **The Hymn of Fellowship and Celebration**



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