

DIVINE WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Sunday, February 25, 2018
8:00 A.M.*

*Deacons of the Day: Michael Freeman and Howard Radford
Nurse of the Day: Dana Sims*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Minister*

DEVOTIONAL PRAISE *Youth Praise Team*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *Youth in Charge*

SCRIPTURE *Bro. A.J. Bailey*

CHORAL WORSHIP *Youth Praise Team*

***MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory Prayer *Bro. Lamont Strong*

BLACK HISTORY SPOTLIGHT *Harriet Tubman*

CHORAL WORSHIP *Youth Praise Team*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD *Pastor Ricky L. Sykes*

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***INVITATIONAL HYMN** *Congregation*

#457 or #477 "Lift Every Voice And Sing"

1. Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav-en ring, Ring with the har-mo-nies of lib-er-ty; Let our re-joic-ing rise, high as the lis-t'ning skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll-ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought us, Fac-ing the ris-ing sun of our new day be-gun, Let us march on till vic-to-ry is won.

2. Ston-y the road we trod; bit-ter the chast 'ning rod, Felt in the days when hope un-born had died; Yet with a stead-y beat, have not our wea-ry feet, Come to the place for which our fa-ters sighed? We have come o-ver a way that with tears has been wa-tered, We have come, tread-ing our path thro' the blood of the slaugh-tered, Out from the gloom-y past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our wea-ry years, God of our si-lent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, led us in-to the light, Keep us for-ev-er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for-get Thee; Shadowed be-neath Thy hand, may we for ev-er stand, True to our God, true to our na-tive land.

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

FINAL PASTORAL COMMENTS

CLOSING SONG *Congregation*
#298 #359 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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BENEDICTION *Minister*

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PRELUDE *Musicians*
(Please worship in silent prayer)

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Choir & Congregation*
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* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION***Bro. Payton Sims, III*

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE *Choir & Congregation*

"Amen"

A-men, A-men. Master hear your ser-vants pray-er once again. I'll be honest; I'll be fair; And I'll own you any where. This is your ser-vants pray-er. Amen

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING *Sis. Akaia Frazier*
Deuteronomy 28:1-13 (NKJV)

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

“Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

“Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

“Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

“The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

“The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

“The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if

you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

ALL: And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

CHORAL WORSHIP *REAL Youth & Children's Choir*

CHILDREN'S STORY *Bro. Winfred Bone*

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Visitors, Birthdays, and Anniversaries *Sis. A'Mya Hughes*

***WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Offertory Prayer *Sis. Lorin Strong*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

***PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS**

Lord, help us to distinguish between things of an eternal value and things that are empty and temporary. Set our hearts on all things worthy. May we

all be obedient to Your command in giving. Direct the use of these gifts, these tithes and offerings, that they may advance Your kingdom and meet the needs of Your people. Amen

BLACK HISTORY SPOTLIGHT..... *Michelle Obama*

CHORAL WORSHIP *REAL Youth & Children's Choir*

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER** *Minister*

PREPARATIONAL SONG.....*REAL Youth & Children's Choir*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD..... *Pastor Ricky L. Sykes*

***INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***INVITATIONAL HYMN**..... *Choir & Congregation*
#167 or #145 Just As I Am

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
2. Just as I am, and wait-ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O lamb of God, I come! I Come!
3. Just as I am, tho' tossed a-bout with many a con-flict, many a doubt, Fight-ings and fears with-in, with-out, O lamb of God, I come! I come!
4. Just as I am-poor, wretch-ed, blind;Sight, rich-es, heal-ing of the mind, Yea, all I need in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come!
5. Just as I am--Thou wilt re-ceive, Wilt wel-come, par-don, cleanse, re-lieve, Be-cause Thy prom-ise I be-lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I Come!

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION *Bro. Brandon Cooke*

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