



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



120th Session of the
East Tennessee Annual Conference
Closing Worship

September 13, 2020
10:00 am

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

Bethel AME Church, Knoxville
Host Church

The Reverend Lee Russell Brown
Host Pastor

120th SESSION
THE EAST TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Sunday, 13 September 2020

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE

Presiding Elder Terence L. Mayes, Sr., D.Min.
Worship Leader

The Greeting

Presiding Elder Mayes

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. Lee R. Brown & Sister Angela Bourne

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 Pedro Basden, D.Min.

The Choral Response

Sentence and The Lord's Prayer Hymn No. 634

The First Lesson

Sister Gloria Beverly

Exodus 14:22-31

*14:22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the
waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.*

*14:23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after
them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.*

*14:24 At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and
cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the
Egyptian army into panic.*

*14:25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned
with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the
Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."*

14:26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

14:27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

14:28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

14:29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

14:30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

14:31 Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Gospel

Sister Ramona Pratt

Matthew 18:28-35

18:28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

18:29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

18:30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

18:31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

18:32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.'

18:33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

18:34 *And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.*

18:35 *So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."*

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 Vanesa Holmon

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 Charles Holsey, MD

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

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 Mayes

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 Settles

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

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