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**The AME Church**  
*A Social Justice & Liberating Faith*

# The Service of Word and Holy Communion

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### God's People Pursuing **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

A CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHIC - ISSUES IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

# The Service of Word and Holy Communion

The Reverend A. J. Holman

Worship Leader

## The Procession

## The Announcements

## The Presentation of the Preacher

## The Doxology

## The Call to Worship

Leader: O 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 Lance Shelton

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 Tylan Orr

**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 Prayer of Purity**

The Reverend Lee Russell Brown, Jr.

**The Prayer of Adoration**

The Reverend Dr. Eva M. Settles

**The Prayer of Humility**

The Reverend Dr. Terence L. Mayes, Sr.

**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 Lesson**

The Reverend Archie C. Griffin, Jr.

**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 Kenneth Love, Sr.

**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**

The Reverend Dr. Yvette M. Tisdale

**The Invitation to Discipleship**

**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;*

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

### **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**