



13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

The AME Church
A Social Justice & Liberating Faith

Memorial Service & Midday Devotion

October 6, 2017

11:30 am

143rd Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference

God's People Pursuing
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
A CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHIC - ISSUES IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reverend Sabrina Transou
Memorial Committee Chair

The Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live. Whoever believes in Me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Because I live, you also shall live."

People: God of all creation, we praise Your Holy Name for all Your servants who have finished their course in faith. Encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we pray that we may share with them the inheritance of the saints.

The Opening Hymn

O God our Help In Ages Past

Hymn No. 61

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come; Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home!

The Prayer

The Reverend John Moore

Eternal God, you hold all souls in life: Give us your light and your peace; give comfort to those who mourn as we remember the departed of the last annual conference year. Grant that we may follow the good examples of those who have served you and are now at rest. Let us not be found wanting in the day of judgement, but may we enter into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

The Reverend Elizabeth S. Weaver

The Memorial

Leader: We celebrate and remember those members of the annual conference and connectional leaders who have died since we last gathered together.

People: Absent from the Body. Present with the Lord.

(Names of Deceased Clergy & Lay Members of the Annual Conference)

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, for those whom we name in our hearts and who have been faithful to Your call and glorified You with their life and work... Absent from the Body.

People: Present with the Lord.

ALL: O God, we thank You for all those remembered here. Let us cherish their memory, celebrate their ministries, continue their work, and live in hope that we shall once again meet face to face. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

The Reverend Marlon Barrentine

When We All Get To Heaven Hymn No. 511

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace; In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain

When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

The Benediction

MIDDAY DEVOTION

A SONG OF PRAISE

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 1:11

Thanks be to God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A SCRIPTURE READING

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Intercessions

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.