



13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

The AME Church
A Social Justice & Liberating Faith

Memorial Service & Spiritual Revival Moment
September 15, 2017
11:30 am

**150th Session of the
Kentucky Annual Conference**

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



MEMORIAL SERVICE
The Reverend Melanie Samuels-Black
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 Reginald Pullums

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 Ralph T. Johnson

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

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

The Reverend Louise Spencer

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL MOMENT

The Reverend Anthony Gooch
Worship Leader

The Introduction of the Preacher

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

The Hymn of Praise

I Am Thine, O Lord

Brother Damien Nichols

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to Thee.

REFRAIN: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To Thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.

There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

The Prayer

Brother Kelley Roberts

The Scripture

Matthew 6:7-13

The Reverend Erica Taylor

Musical Selection

The Message

Give Us Today Our Daily Bread

The Reverend William Jenkins

The Invitation to Discipleship

The Announcements

The Closing & Benediction