



13TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
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TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY

The AME Church
A Social Justice & Liberating Faith

The Service of Word, Ordination and Holy Communion

October 7, 2017

11:00 am

143rd Session of the West Tennessee Annual Conference

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

The Service of Word, Ordination, and Holy Communion

The Reverend Quinten Smith, Worship Leader

The Procession

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Walter Henry

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.

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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

The Reverend Anthony Branch

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 Colleen Gibson

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 Dr. Dave Adams

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 Collect The Reverend Linda Thomas-Martin

The Collect The Reverend C. Robert Finch

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
Epistle (Deacons) *1 Timothy 3:8-10; 12-13* The Reverend Hilda Taylor

Epistle (Elders) *Ephesians 4:7-13* The Reverend Benita Livingston

The Interlude Hymn
*Take my love; my God, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever,
only all for Thee, Ever only, All for Thee.*

The Scripture Lesson
Gospel (Deacons) *Luke 12:35-38* The Reverend Clay Holliday, Sr.

Gospel (Elders) *John 10:1-9* The Reverend Sarita Wilson

John 10:10-16 The Reverend Barbara Green

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 Presentation of the Preacher **Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath**

The Hymn of Preparation The Reverend Agnes Henderson
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

Bishop E. Anne Henning Byfield
Presiding Bishop, Sixteenth Episcopal District

The Announcements

Local Deacon Orders

Brother Clay A. Holliday, Jr.
(Chainbreakers AME Church, Memphis, TN)

Itinerant Elder Orders

The Reverend Annie B. Garvin
The Reverend Joy Lynn Wilkerson

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 lispng, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave. Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; When this poor lispng, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

The Elements Shared

The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Quinten Smith

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