

Morning Worship
February 15, 2009
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Sound Over All Waters

Paul Halley

Sound over all waters, reach out from all lands.
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born;
With glad jubilations bring hope to the nations:
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun
Arise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun.
All speech flows to music, all hearts beat as one.

Blow bugles of battle, the marches of peace.
East, west, north and south, let the long quarrels cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began.
Sing of glory to God, and of good will to man!
Joining in chorus, the heavens bend o'er us!

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30:1, 2

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes
rejoice over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried for your help, and you have healed me.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #563

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

"Lift Every Voice"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Lord God, we would not dare to come before you as of right. You are pure holiness, pure love, pure good. We are self-willed creatures, and we cannot even live within the light that you have held out to us. But since, in Christ, you have declared your love and mercy to the world, we come in full assurance of the Faith, and ask your pardon for the failings

of this past week. We recall the wasted opportunities...the good intentions that were not fulfilled...our insensitive speech...our lack of discipline and dedication...and we repent of any hurt that we have caused, and all the help that we have withheld.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#69, Lift Up Your Hearts

**God has smiled on me. He has set me free,
God has smiled on me. He's been good to me.**

THE ANTHEM

Glorious

Martha Manuzzi

Metropolitan AME Combined Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

THE WORD THROUGH DANCE

Metropolitan AME Dance Ministry

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #382

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door
"Somebody's Knockin'"

FIRST LESSON:

Deuteronomy 32:48-51

Pew Bible p. 183

SECOND LESSON:

Isaiah 42:5-10

Pew Bible p. 630

THE ANTHEM

Broken, But Now I'm Healed
Metropolitan AME Combined Choir

Byron Cage

THE SERMON

"A New Day is Dawning"
Two Churches Coming Together to Worship and Praise the Living God
and Fellowship with One Another

Rev. Alfred Deas, Jr.

Our Response to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ain-A That Good News!

William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' lay down this world, goin' shoulder up my cross,

Goin take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' lay down this world, goin' shoulder up my cross,
Goin take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' lay down this world, goin' shoulder up my cross,
Goin take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' lay down this world, goin' shoulder up my cross,
Goin take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

* THE DOXOLOGY

#114 Lift Up Your Hearts

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #536 *Lord, Make Us More Holy* African-American spiritual

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Sound Over All Waters

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH with our guests, Pastor Rev. Alfred Deas, Music Director Kevin Woods, and the members of the Combined Choir and dance ministries of the Metropolitan AME Church. Thank you to our special friends for joining with us in music, worship, praise and fellowship.

Music Notes

We welcome the congregation and the Combined Choir of Metropolitan AME Church this morning as we join our congregations in song and word this morning. "Sound Over All Waters" is an original composition of Canadian organist and composer, Paul Halley. This was composed in 1994 and dedicated to Coretta Scott King and was sung in her honor on the occasion of her preaching at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, where Paul Halley was organist and choirmaster. Mrs. King's steadfast vision and hope embody the words of the author, John Greenleaf Whittier: "The dark night is ending and dawn has begun."

The anthem by the First Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir is a lively setting by William L. Dawson, "Ain'-a That Good News!" composed in 1937 and dedicated to Dr. Robert Russa Moton, President Emeritus, Tuskegee Institute.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

Survivor Sundae: The Holy Wars!



GAFOSAC is participating in the annual Survivor Sundae Contest at the Queen City Creamery starting **Feb 15**. We have created a Sundae for the contest called *GAFFY's Sundae Sin*. It is 2 scoops of vanilla ice cream with hot fudge, marshmallow, Reese's peanut butter cup, rainbow sprinkles, and a cherry on top. The first week of the contest is **Feb. 15-22**. GAFOSAC will get \$1 for each *GAFFY's Sundae Sin* sold that week. If we place first in sales this week, then we will move on to the second week. If our sales are the lowest, then we will be **VOTED OFF** the Survivor Sundae Island. The contest runs for five weeks and if our sundae survives we will be awarded \$200.00. Please stop by the Queen City Creamery during Feb. **15-22** and try our Sundae masterpiece: *GAFFY's Sundae Sin*.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (15)

Survivor Sundae Holy Wars Begin!

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Library
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Rev. Al Deas, and AME Choir, On the Air WCBC
12:15 PM	Sweetheart Luncheon & Dessert Auction
5:00 PM	Book Study in Pastor's Office

MONDAY, FEBRUARY (16)

Articles for the March Newsletter Due

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Book Study in Pastor's Office
5:30 PM	Congregational Care Committee Mtg.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (17)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
5:30 PM	Pee Wee Teams Basketball Practice
6:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
6:30 PM	Local Mission Meeting at the Queen City Creamery

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (18)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:00 PM	Middler Team Basketball Practice
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Seniors Team II Basketball Practice
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM	Seniors Team I Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (19)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Mtg.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (20)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (22)

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Library

11:00 AM Worship Service, Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
Gail Plitnik, Guest Preacher, On the Air WCBC

4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

5:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office