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9:45 AM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise Team

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - Hymn #647

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
A-men, A-men, A-men!

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.

PEOPLE For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

LEADER Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

PEOPLE Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

LEADER Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation the place where thy Honor dwelleth.

PEOPLE For the Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

LEADER Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG – ***'We Shall Overcome'***
AAHH #542

We shall overcome. We shall overcome.
We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand.
We'll walk hand in hand someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace.
We shall live in peace someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.

We are not afraid. We are not afraid.
We are not afraid today.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.

God will see us through. God will see us through.
God will see us through today.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome some day.

INVOCATION

PRAYER RESPONSE - ***'O How I Love Jesus'***

O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus!
O how I love Jesus!
Because He first loved me.

HOLY SCRIPTURES – Isaiah 6:1-8 (NLT)

LEADER ¹ It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple.

PEOPLE ² Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

LEADER ³ They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!”

PEOPLE ⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

LEADER ⁵ Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.”

PEOPLE ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

LEADER ⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”

ALL ⁸ Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise;
let the Redeemer’s name be sung, through every land, by every tongue.

THE DECALOGUE

LEADER And God spake saying: I am the Lord Thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. These are the laws you are to keep, obey and teach.

1. You shall love the one and only true God;
2. Don't make any graven images to worship
3. Hallow My name
4. Remember My day and worship
5. Honor your parents
6. Don't murder
7. Don't commit adultery
8. Don't steal
9. Don't lie
10. Don't covet

PEOPLE Lord have mercy upon us and write these laws upon our hearts.

LEADER Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI (ALL)

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.

MUSICAL SELECTION – ANGEL CHOIR

PIANO SOLO

GUESTS WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY

MUSICAL SELECTION – ANGEL CHOIR

THE PREACHED WORD

INVITATION *to form a relationship with God, with other people & with the church*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
2 Thessalonians 3:18

Bethel AME Church
Pastor Juan N. Tolliver

Sermon

Notes

Date: _____

Text: _____

Title: _____

What are the main points or the key message of the sermon?

What questions do I have as I hear this sermon?

How can I apply this message to my life?



WORDS FROM PASTOR TOLLIVER

Priorities of Bethel AME Church

I have noticed the need to prioritize the work here at Bethel Church.

As the assigned pastor of this great and wonderful church, I would like to share with you, my brothers and sisters, some things that I believe will help us move in the direction that God has called us.

We are mandated by our doctrine and discipline and our polity to share these issues that are outlined below. (page 294-295)

- Taking care of the spiritual and physical needs of the parishioners;
- Taking care of the Connectional, District, and San Antonio District obligations;
- Conducting a spiritual inventory of ourselves (Where are we spiritually?);
- Taking care of the physical structure (cleaning, painting, repairing and upgrading our church);

In addition to the concerns outlined above, as Christians we are called to adhere to the Biblical mandates below:

- Following the leadership that God has sent to the Church as the leader follows Christ;
- Being a Bible-led and Bible-fed Church;
- Being a cheerful, giving church;
- Being a mission-driven church and not budget-driven church;
- Understanding that there is more to the Church than paying a mortgage and a budget;
- Attending Bible Study is for everyone, especially leaders; and
- Attending Prayer meeting must become a priority

I will begin a teaching series during the church school hour starting January 6, 2019, that will help us to move in the direction that God has called us. The teaching series will encompass all members except the youth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10, 2019

"WHITE SOCK SUNDAY": On Sunday, February 10th, please make "White Sock Sunday" a successful outreach for the many homeless men, women and children in our community. You are invited to join our church in its mission to collect 600 pairs of white socks to give to the homeless during the week of February 14th. You may deposit you socks in one of collection boxes. You may also make a financial donation and the socks will be purchased for you. Simply mark the envelope with, "White Sock Donation". Your support is greatly appreciated.

2018 STATEMENTS OF GIVING: The 2018 Giving Statements are available for all members to pick up.

BLACK HISTORY 2019 THEME: Each Sunday our youth will share a Moment in Black History. This year's theme is the Black Migrations with emphasis on the movement of people of African descent to new destinations. We pray that you will explore with our youth the Black Migrations and discover why it has an important place in our Black History.

2019 SOUL FOOD FESTIVAL: Sunday, February 24th, after 10:00 am worship service, Cultural Arts will host Bethel's Soul Food Festival. Bethel members are asked to sign up with their favorite soulful recipe and assist with activities of the event. Heart healthy selections will be available. Signup sheets for food donations, assistance with set-up, serving and clean-up are located in the Fellowship Hall and Beasley Brown. Please contact Johnnie Porter or LaShaun Adams for assistance.

COLLECTIONS FOR BETHEL'S COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: Immediately after worship service today, Committee Members are set-up in the Fellowship Hall to collect your historical items. Your photos, documents, newspaper clippings, programs, etc., that show historical activities of Bethel from 1889 to the present are needed. All submissions will be carefully recorded, copied and returned to you the following Sunday. This project *will not* be successful without you.

- *Bethel Historical Anniversary Project Committee*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Youth ages 4-12 are welcome to attend Children's Church every 1st & 4th Sunday of the month @ 10:00 am in the Beasley Brown CC. The youth will participate in engaging, fun activities that will impact their lives both spiritually and socially. The next session will be held on Sunday, February 24th. ***Parents must complete a permission form for each youth that attends.***



WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Wednesday for Prayer @ 11:00 a.m. and Bible Study @ 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. We prefer to see you in person every Wednesday for Bible Study, however if you are unable to attend in person, please join via conference call by using the following info: (Dial-in #: 605-562-0400; Access Code: 1090898)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Info and announcements to be included in the Worship Guide should be sent to the church's email address by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Info not received by the deadline may not be included until the following week.

CONTINUAL PRAYERS: *"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." – 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

THE GREAT MIGRATION

IT WAS A HARD LIFE

Getting to "the Promised Land" did not come cheap, many migrants made the journey in stages, stopping off and working in places in the South, then continuing on their way.

In the South, intimidation and outright violence were used not only to disenfranchise the black community, but also to control and terrorize those leaving. At least 2-3 people were lynched every week. Lynchings became more sadistic and exhibitionist. People were horribly tortured and mutilated for hours in front of crowds with women and children.

Though economic, social, environmental, and political forces were crucial to the migration, so too was the *will* of the African-Americans. They had a burning desire to control their own destinies. The decision to pull up roots and journey to the unknown was not easily made.

When they arrived in the North, there was white-black competition for employment and white-black competition for living space. Whites fled the areas where black migrants concentrated "as if from a plague." City government, banks, and realtors conspired to keep African-Americans' housing constricted. On a single day in Chicago, real-estate brokers had over six hundred black families applying for housing, with only fifty-three units available.

The first years of the Great Migration would see an unprecedented wave of mob violence sweep the nation. Twenty-six race riots - in cities large and small, North and South - would claim the lives of scores of African Americans.

The migrants could not know what was in store for them and for their descendants at their destinations or what effect their exodus would have on the country. But by their actions, they would reshape the social and political geography of every city they fled to. When the migration began, 90 percent of all African-Americans were living in the South. By the time it was over, in the 1970's, 47 percent of all African-Americans were living in the North and West.

THE LEGACIES of the GREAT MIGRATION

The Great Migration was the first big step that the nation's servant class ever took without asking permission "They left as though they were fleeing some curse," wrote the Emmett J. Scott, an observer. "They were willing to make almost any sacrifice to obtain a railroad ticket and they left with no intent of returning."

The migration remade the nation in ways that are still being felt. Writers, poets, painters, musicians, and sculptors took some of their inspiration from the lives and struggles of the newcomers to the North.

A 4-years old boy lost his voice from fear and trauma when traveling north. He went mute for 8 years. Eventually a teacher encouraged him to read poetry. The little boy is James Earl Jones. The voice that fell silent for so long would become among the most iconic of our time—the voice of Darth Vader in *Star Wars*, and of Mufasa in *The Lion King*, Jones lost his voice, and found it, because of the Great Migration.

By leaving the South, African Americans would change the course of their lives and those of their children. Richard Wright became the novelist instead of Richard Wright the sharecropper. John Coltrane became a jazz musician instead of tailor; Bill Russell, NBA pioneer instead of paper mill worker; Zora Neale Hurston, the folklorist instead of maidservant. The influx to the New York region drew the parents or grandparents of Denzel Washington, Ella Fitzgerald, Whitney Houston, the rapper Tupac Shakur, Sarah Vaughan and Althea Gibson, the tennis champion. The migration drew the parents of Diahann Carroll, and others that would set the course of social change we know today.

The children of the Great Migration would reshape professions that, had their families *not* left, may never have been open to them, from sports and music to literature and art. The story of African-Americans or of our nation cannot be told without the Great Migration.