

Class of 2024

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

WORSHIP SERVICE JUNE 23, 2024 | 10:30AM



Order of Service

PRE-RECORDED SONGS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL and RESPONSE WORSHIP LITURGY: GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Leader: Good morning, church family! Today, we gather not only to worship our Lord but also to celebrate and recognize the achievements of our graduates. Let us come together in joy and gratitude for this special occasion.

Congregation: We rejoice in the Lord always; again, we will say, rejoice!

Leader: We give thanks for the dedication, hard work, and perseverance of our graduates. As they embark on new journeys, may they carry the light of Christ with them.

Congregation: May the Lord bless you and keep you; may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Leader: As we lift our voices in praise, let us remember the words of the Psalmist: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me."

Congregation: Our hearts leap for joy, and with our songs, we will praise Him.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with gladness, for He is our God, our guide, and our strength. Today, we honor our graduates, knowing that with God, all things are possible.

Congregation: Amen! Let us worship together, celebrating God's goodness and the bright futures of our graduates.



The Processional

MCC LEGACY GRADUATES: DOCTORAL DEGREE

Dr. Herald "Chip" Johnson, Ed.D
Dr. Paulette Wilson, M.D.

Yvonne Bryant, J.D.

MCC LEGACY GRADUATES: MASTER'S DEGREE

Reverend Leon Perry, III
Reverend Michael W. Durr
Minister Darnette Solomon
Brenda Ross
Dorothy Cole-Gary
Yolanda Hawthorne
Helena Wiley
Janice Thomas
Brian Graham



Brandon Graham
Yvette Graham
Lori Reavley
Gary Bell
LaShawn English
Danielle Stewart
Judith Bell
Veronica Mosely-Raggs
Gloria Stratton

MCC LEGACY GRADUATES: BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Brian Stewart
Nefertari Cutler
Shirlene Daniels
Chandra Nicks
Latrice Brooks
Gary Brooks
MaryE Young



Ruana Pace-Bell
Deborah Peters
Francis Isaac
Shaniya Williams

MCC LEGACY GRADUATES: DIPLOMAS / CERTIFICATES

Jamaal Simms

Marcella Lexsee-Wright
Ruth Simpkins
William Saunders
Cheryl Van Eaton
Linda Haggins
Loretta Moppins
Sylvia Mandeville



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 2024 GRADUATES

Master Marcus Marks





Jah'ree Keys

Briana Stewart





HONORABLE MENTION:

Leah Pruitt Aniya Winters

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and He called the darkness "night." Evening came, and then morning: the first day.

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Chorus:

Lead me, guide me along the way, For if You lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verse 1:

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Chorus:

Lead me, guide me along the way, For if You lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verse 2

I am lost if You take Your hand from me, I am blind without Thy Light to see. Lord, just always let me Thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



Lead me, guide me along the way, For if You lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MUSIC MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

SERMONIC SELECTION

Brother Dennis Dent
"The Impossible Dream"

SERMON
Reverend Michael W. Durr

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

MCC 2024 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

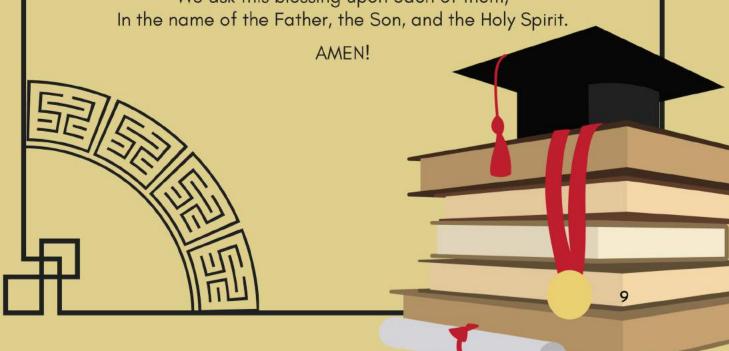
Presentations & Blessing of 2024 Graduates

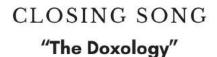
Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray,

God of our beginnings, We thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.

We ask this blessing upon each of them,





BENEDICTION

We leave today
going into a future
as yet unmapped.
Take faith with you as you go;
into the parts of your life not yet traveled by love,
into the parts of the world unexplored by grace.
Let compassion and hope be the roads that you follow
today and always

Amen.

THREEFOLD AMEN

Celebration Reception in the Multi-Purpose Room

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